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FORENSIC LABORATORY FUNDING ACT: REPEAL SUNSET

House Bill 5059
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Committee: Health Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5059 AS INTRODUCED 7-16-97

Public Act 35 of 1994 created the Forensic Laboratory Funding Act, which provided a means of funding forensic laboratory costs incurred by the state and local units of government. Revenue for the fund is generated, at least in part, through \$150 assessments on defendants convicted of criminal sexual conduct and defendants convicted in cases where state or municipal forensic services have been used. The act will expire on June 6, 1998. House Bill 5059 would repeal the sunset clause.

Besides having to be registered as an analytical laboratory with the Drug Enforcement Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice, a forensic laboratory under the act must also have one forensic scientist on staff who conducts analyses of controlled substances or androgenic anabolic steroids and provides testimony in criminal cases, and another forensic scientist who conducts forensic tests other than these drug tests. The bill would delete the requirement for the latter position.

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