

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 414 (Delegate Genn, *et al.*)
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Criminal Procedure - Evidence - DNA Profiles

This amended bill alters the definition of a “DNA profile” to mean an analysis of genetic loci validated according to standards established by The Technical Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods, or the DNA Advisory Board of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A statement from the testing laboratory setting forth that the analysis of the “DNA profile” has been validated by nationally recognized standards is sufficient to admit the profile into evidence in a criminal proceeding.

The bill also sets forth the type of information a party seeking to admit a “DNA profile” into evidence must provide the other party, upon written request at least 30 days before any criminal proceeding. The bill does not preclude a party from seeking additional discovery upon a showing of scientific relevance to a material issue regarding the “DNA profile.”

The bill is applied prospectively. The bill’s effective date is July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The changes could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of State Police, Department of Fiscal Services

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