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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure - Admissibility of DNA Profiles - Name Change**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the name of a certain group that establishes standards

4 for validity of DNA profile analyses; and generally relating to DNA profiles.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7 Section 10-915(a) and (b)

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

13 10-915.

14 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (2) "Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)" means the molecules in all cellular

16 forms that contain genetic information in a chemical structure of each individual.

17 (3) "DNA profile" means an analysis of genetic loci that have been

18 validated according to standards established by:

19 (i) The [Technical] SCIENTIFIC Working Group on DNA Analysis

20 Methods [(TWGDAM)] (SWGDM); or

21 (ii) The DNA Advisory Board of the Federal Bureau of

22 Investigation.

23 (b) A statement from the testing laboratory setting forth that the analysis of

24 genetic loci has been validated by standards established by [TWGDAM] SWGDAM or

25 the DNA Advisory Board is sufficient to admit a DNA profile under this section.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2001.