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A Bill

SENATE BILL 688

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT REQUIRING A CORRECTIONAL OR DETENTION FACILITY
10 OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO
11 ESTABLISH A POLICY TO OFFER PROSTATE EXAMS AND
12 PHYSICIAN CONSULTATIONS TO MALE INMATES AND DETAINEES
13 OF CERTAIN AGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 OFFER PROSTATE EXAMS AND PHYSICIAN
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21 DETAINEES OF CERTAIN AGES.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 29, is amended to add an
28 additional section to read as follows:

29 12-29-408. Prostate screening and physician consultation.

30 (a) A correctional or detention facility operated or administered by
31 the Department of Corrections shall establish a policy to offer a male inmate
32 or detainee who is:

33 (1) Fifty-five (55) years of age or older but younger than
34 seventy (70) years of age a prostate screening every two (2) years; and

35 (2) Forty (40) years of age or older but younger than fifty-five
36 (55) years of age a consultation with a physician to seek professional care



1 as to when to receive a prostate screening.

2 (b) A prostate screening or consultation with a physician under this
3 section shall be at no cost to the male inmate or detainee.

4 (c) As used in this section, "prostate screening" means a prostate-
5 specific antigen test.

6 (d) This section does not preclude the department from providing:

7 (1) Prostate screenings more frequently than one (1) time every
8 two (2) years or to age groups other than those described under subsection
9 (a) of this section;

10 (2) Consultation to an age group other than those described
11 under subsection (a) of this section; or

12 (3) Any other medical screenings or treatments.

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