

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 602

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WARRANT REQUIREMENTS FOR DNA
5 SEARCH RESULTS; REQUIRING A WARRANT FOR A SEARCH FROM A CONSUMER DNA DATABASE;
6 REQUIRING A WARRANT FOR A FAMILIAL DNA SEARCH OR SEARCH RESULTS FROM PARTIAL
7 MATCHING FROM THE STATE DNA IDENTIFICATION INDEX OR A CONSUMER DNA DATABASE; AND
8 PROVIDING DEFINITIONS."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Consumer DNA database searches -- familial DNA searches --**

13 **warrant required.** (1) A government entity may not obtain DNA search results from a consumer DNA
14 database;

15 (A) without a search warrant issued by a court on a finding of probable cause; ;OR

16 (B) UNLESS THE CONSUMER WHOSE INFORMATION IS SOUGHT PREVIOUSLY WAIVED THE CONSUMER'S RIGHT
17 TO PRIVACY IN THE INFORMATION.

18 (2) A government entity may not obtain familial DNA search results or search results from partial
19 matching from the DNA identification index or a consumer DNA database without a search warrant issued by a
20 court on a finding of probable cause.

21 (3) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

22 (a) "Consumer DNA database" means a database maintained by a private entity that provides direct-
23 to-consumer genetic testing services.

24 (b) "DNA identification index" has the same meaning provided in 44-6-101.

25 (c) "Familial DNA search" means a search performed of a government or consumer DNA database
26 using specialized software to detect and statistically rank a list of potential candidates in the DNA database who
27 may be a close biological relative to the unknown individual contributing the evidence DNA profile. The
28 specialized software search may be combined with lineage testing to help confirm or refute biological

1 relatedness.

2 (d) "Lineage testing" means additional genetic testing used to help confirm or refute biological
3 relatedness between the known individual in a DNA database and the unknown individual contributing the
4 evidence DNA profile. Examples of additional genetic testing include but are not limited to:

5 (i) Y-STR analysis to examine STR patterns specific to the Y-chromosome used to determine
6 paternally derived relatedness among DNA profiles;

7 (ii) mtDNA analysis to examine cell mitochondria used to determine maternally derived relatedness; or

8 (iii) single nucleotide polymorphism genotyping to generate results related to a person's ancestry and
9 genetic predisposition to health-related topics.

10 (e) "Partial matching" means a moderate stringency search of a DNA database using routine search
11 parameters that results in one or more partial matches between single-source and nondegraded DNA profiles
12 that share at least one allele at each locus, indicating a potential familial relationship between the known
13 individual in the DNA database and the unknown individual contributing the evidence DNA profile.

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15 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
16 integral part of Title 44, chapter 6, part 1, and the provisions of Title 44, chapter 6, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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