## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

## No. 2406 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY CALTAGIRONE, THOMAS, ROZZI, SWANGER, WATSON, MURT, YOUNGBLOOD, McNEILL, COHEN, DeLUCA, FRANKEL, KULA, BENNINGHOFF, WHITE AND D. COSTA, JULY 1, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 1, 2014

## AN ACT

- Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
  Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
  criminal laboratory user fee.

  The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 1725.3(b) and (c) of Title 42 of the
- 7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
- 8 § 1725.3. Criminal laboratory user fee.
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- 10 (b) Amount of user fee.--
- 11 (1) The director or similar officer of the county
  12 laboratory that has provided services in the prosecution
  13 shall determine the actual cost of the laboratory services
  14 provided in the prosecution and transmit a statement for
  15 services rendered to the court.
- 16 (2) If a Pennsylvania State Police or Office of Attorney
- 17 <u>General</u> laboratory has provided services in the prosecution,
- 18 the director or similar officer of the Pennsylvania State

- 1 Police or Office of Attorney General laboratory shall
- 2 determine the actual cost of the laboratory services provided
- 3 in the prosecution and transmit a statement for services
- 4 rendered to the court.
- 5 (c) Disposition of fees.--
- 6 (1) The criminal laboratory user fee for criminal
- 7 laboratory services provided by a county shall be paid to the
- 8 county and shall be used solely for operation and maintenance
- 9 of the county laboratory. The criminal laboratory user fee
- 10 for criminal laboratory services provided by the Pennsylvania
- 11 State Police laboratory shall be paid into the Criminal
- 12 Laboratory User Fee Fund created under paragraph (2)[.](i).
- 13 The criminal laboratory user fee for criminal laboratory
- 14 <u>services provided by the Office of Attorney General shall be</u>
- paid into the Forensic Analysis Reimbursement Fund created
- 16 <u>under paragraph (2)(ii).</u>
- 17 (2) (i) A special nonlapsing fund of the State Treasury
- is hereby established and shall be known as the Criminal
- 19 Laboratory User Fee Fund. Money in the Criminal Laboratory
- User Fee Fund is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania
- 21 State Police and shall be used solely for operation and
- 22 maintenance of Pennsylvania State Police criminal
- 23 laboratories.
- 24 (ii) A special nonlapsing fund of the State is
- hereby established and shall be known as the Forensic
- Analysis Reimbursement Fund. Money in the Forensic
- 27 <u>Analysis Reimbursement Fund is hereby appropriated to the</u>
- Office of Attorney General and shall be used solely for
- 29 the operation and maintenance of Office of Attorney
- 30 General criminal laboratories.

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- 2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.