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HOUSE BILL NO. 427

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PUBLIC SFTY/DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to the accreditation bodies that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may use to issue permits to testing laboratories

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:663(B), relative to testing methods used by the Department  
3 of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for changes to the testing methods used  
4 by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:663(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §663. Approval of testing methods by Department of Public Safety and Corrections

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10 B. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections may use an individual's  
11 current certification to a nationally or internationally recognized certification body  
12 or a laboratory's ~~certification by one or more of the following professional~~  
13 ~~organizations~~ current accreditation to an accreditation program based on the  
14 international standard, ISO/IEC 17025, with an accreditation scope that includes  
15 toxicology or blood alcohol, in its determination of the qualifications and  
16 competence of individuals or laboratories as required by Subsection A of this Section  
17 prior to the issuance of a permit. ~~The certification by the following professional~~  
18 ~~organizations may be considered in issuing such permits:~~

19 (1) ~~College of American Pathologists (CAP).~~

- 1           ~~(2) American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT).~~
- 2           ~~(3) Forensic Quality Services (FQS).~~
- 3           ~~(4) American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory~~
- 4           ~~Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB).~~
- 5           ~~(5) American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA).~~
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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Changes the requirements for the Dept. of Public Safety to use in its determination of the qualifications and competence of individuals and laboratories who perform chemical analysis for the department.

Present law provides a list of accreditation bodies which the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (department) may use to issue permits for the purposes of chemical analysis testing.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing the list of accreditation bodies and instead allows the department to use an individual or laboratory with an accreditation based upon the international standard, ISO/IEC 17025, for the purposes of chemical analysis testing.

(Amends R.S. 32:663(B))