

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 448****2015 Regular Session****Pugh**

PUBLIC SFTY/DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to professional organizations that certify persons to perform chemical analysis of a person's blood, urine, breath, or other bodily substances

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Increases the fee the deputy secretary of Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, is authorized to charge for each copy of a certified abstract of information from the files of the financial responsibility division from \$6 to \$16.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law increases the fee the deputy secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), public safety services, is authorized to charge for each copy of a certified abstract of information from the files of the financial responsibility division from \$6 to \$16.

Present law provides for chemical analyses of a person's blood, urine, breath, or other bodily substance to be used as evidence of intoxication.

Present law provides that persons performing such chemical analyses shall have a valid permit issued by the DPS&C and use methods approved by the department.

Present law authorizes DPS&C to use an individual's or a lab's certification by one or more of the following professional organizations in its determination of the qualifications and competence of the individuals and labs to whom the permits are issued:

- (1) College of American Pathologists.
- (2) American Board of Forensic Toxicology.
- (3) Forensic Quality Services.
- (4) American Society of Crime Lab Directors.

Proposed law adds the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) and changes the name of the American Society of Crime Lab Directors to the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB).

(Amends R.S. 32:663(B) and 853(B))