



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 293**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 7, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill relates to infectious disease exposure and changes the definition included in the statutes with regard to “public safety officials” to include (1) an individual employed by the Department of Correctional Services and (2) an individual employed by a city or county correctional facility, jail, or juvenile detention facility. The bill would allow these individuals to request that diagnostic tests be performed to determine whether or not they have been exposed to an infectious disease in the course of their duties.

Current statutes provide that if a “public safety official” believes that he or she has had a significant exposure while performing his or her duties, the public safety official or the provider agency which employs him or her may (a) request the individual who may have transmitted the infectious disease or condition to consent to having the necessary diagnostic blood tests performed or (b) if the individual refuses to such tests, petition the district court for an order mandating that such tests be performed.

This bill simply expands the definition so that Department of Correctinoal Services employees and city or county correctional facility, jail, or juvenile detention facility employees are covered as well.

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