

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1059, As Amended

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF VENEREAL DISEASES; AMENDING SECTION 39-604, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION FOR AND TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DISEASES OF PERSONS CONFINED OR IMPRISONED IN ANY STATE PRISON FACILITY IN IDAHO.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 39-604, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

39-604. CONFINED AND IMPRISONED PERSONS -- EXAMINATION, TREATMENT, AND QUARANTINE -- VICTIMS OF SEXUAL OFFENSES -- ACCESS TO OFFENDERS' TEST RESULTS, TESTING FOR HIV, COUNSELING AND REFERRAL SERVICES. (1) All persons who shall be confined or imprisoned in any state prison facility in this state shall be examined for on admission, and again upon the offender's request before release, and, if infected, treated for the diseases enumerated in section 39-601, Idaho Code, and this examination shall include a test for HIV antibodies or antigens. This examination is not intended to limit any usual or customary medical examinations that might be indicated during a person's imprisonment. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the service of any sentence imposed by a court as a punishment for the commission of crime. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to impose upon any state prison facility an obligation to continue to treat a person who tested positive for any disease enumerated in section 39-601, Idaho Code, or be financially responsible for such treatment after the person is released from the state prison facility.

(2) All persons who shall be confined in any county or city jail may be examined for and, if infected, treated for the venereal diseases enumerated in section 39-601, Idaho Code, if such persons have, in the judgment of public health authorities or the jailer, been exposed to a disease enumerated in section 39-601, Idaho Code.

(3) All persons who are charged with any sex offense in which body fluid, as defined in this chapter, has likely been transmitted to another shall be tested for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). At the request of the victim or parent, guardian or legal custodian of a minor victim, such test shall be administered not later than forty-eight (48) hours after the date on which the information or indictment is presented.

(4) All persons, including juveniles, who are charged with sex offenses, prostitution, any crime in which body fluid has likely been transmitted to another, or other charges as recommended by public health authorities shall be tested for the venereal diseases enumerated in section 39-601, Idaho Code, and for hepatitis C virus.

1 (5) All persons who are charged with any crime involving the use of in-  
2 jectable drugs shall be tested for the presence of HIV antibodies or anti-  
3 gens, for hepatitis C virus and for hepatitis B virus.

4 (6) If a person is tested as required in subsection (3), (4) or (5) of  
5 this section, the results of the test shall be revealed to the court. The  
6 court shall release the results of the test to the victim(s), or if the vic-  
7 tim(s) is a minor, to the minor's parent, guardian or legal custodian. When-  
8 ever a prisoner tests positive for HIV antibodies or antigens, the victim(s)  
9 of said prisoner shall be entitled to counseling regarding HIV, HIV test-  
10 ing in accordance with applicable law, and referral for appropriate health  
11 care and support services. Said counseling, HIV testing and referral ser-  
12 vices shall be provided to the victim(s) by the district health departments  
13 at no charge to the victim(s). Provided however, the requirement to provide  
14 referral services does not, in and of itself, obligate the district health  
15 departments to provide or otherwise pay for a victim's health care or sup-  
16 port services. Any court, when releasing test results to a victim(s), or if  
17 the victim(s) is a minor, to the minor's parent, guardian, or legal custo-  
18 dian, shall explain or otherwise make the victim(s) or the victim's parent,  
19 guardian, or legal custodian, aware of the services to which the victim(s) is  
20 entitled as described herein.

21 (7) Responsibility for the examination, testing and treatment of per-  
22 sons confined in county or city jails shall be vested in the county or city  
23 that operates the jail. The county or city may contract with the district  
24 health departments or make other arrangements for the examination, testing  
25 and treatment services. The district health department or other provider  
26 may charge and collect for the costs of such examination and treatment, as  
27 follows:

28 (a) When the prisoner is a convicted felon awaiting transfer to the  
29 board of correction, or when the prisoner is a convicted felon being  
30 confined in jail pursuant to a contract with the board of correction,  
31 the board of correction shall reimburse such costs;

32 (b) When the prisoner is awaiting trial after an arrest by any state  
33 officer, the state agency employing such arresting officer shall reim-  
34 burse such costs;

35 (c) When the prisoner is being held for any other authority or jurisdic-  
36 tion, including another state, the authority or jurisdiction respon-  
37 sible shall reimburse such costs unless otherwise provided for by con-  
38 tract.