

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## HB 182

### **An Act Relating to Testing of Sexual Assault Examination Kits**

### **Explanation of Changes from Introduction to February 12, 2020**

HB 182 31-LS1188\A called for a six month processing time (page 1, line 13) and a July 1, 2020 effective date

SS HB 182 31-LS1188\M revised the processing time to an aspirational sixty days (the timeframe the Alaska State Crime Lab director expressed should be possible when the processing backlog is complete and the lab fully staffed). The July 1, 2020 effective date remained.

A fiscal note of \$1.26 million demonstrated the heavy lift of meeting the processing day target and effective date at this time. Working with the crime lab to better understand the time required to create positions, recruit, staff, train, and certify crime lab professionals led to rolling back to the six-month processing time, with an effective date of July 1, 2021. This will reduce costs, while progressing towards a sixty day processing target.

CS SS HB 182 (STA) 182 31-LS1188\U is identical to Version A except for an effective date that is one year later (July 1, 2021)

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