

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 117(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/31/15

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES TARR, Gruenberg, Lynn

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring an inventory and reports on untested sexual assault examination kits;**
2 **and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 REPORT ON UNTESTED SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS. (a) By
7 September 1, 2015, each law enforcement agency and state department charged with the
8 maintenance, storage, and preservation of sexual assault examination kits shall conduct an
9 inventory of untested sexual assault examination kits and report, in writing, to the Department
10 of Public Safety the number of untested sexual assault examination kits in the possession of
11 the agency or department and the date on which each sexual assault examination kit was
12 collected.

13 (b) By November 1, 2015, the Department of Public Safety shall prepare and transmit
14 a report to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives that

1 contains

2 (1) the number of untested sexual assault examination kits stored by each law
3 enforcement agency or department;

4 (2) the date each untested sexual assault examination kit was collected; and

5 (3) a plan for addressing the backlog and prevention of a backlog of untested
6 sexual assault examination kits.

7 (c) The Department of Public Safety shall deliver a copy of the report prepared under
8 (b) of this section to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives
9 and notify the legislature that the report is available.

10 (d) In this section, "untested sexual assault examination kit" means a sexual assault
11 examination kit with evidence that

12 (1) has been collected but that has not been submitted to a laboratory operated
13 or approved by the Department of Public Safety for either a serological or DNA test; or

14 (2) has been collected and submitted to a laboratory operated or approved by
15 the Department of Public Safety but that has not had a serological or DNA test conducted on
16 the evidence.

17 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).