
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) to use an additional professional organization in its determination of the qualifications and competence of the individuals and labs that perform chemical analyses of a person's blood, urine, breath, or other bodily substance, to be used as evidence of intoxication.

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))