

DNA SPECIMEN ANALYSIS AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to DNA specimen analysis and destruction.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires a sheriff to provide a person notice related to the destruction of a DNA specimen and removal of the person's DNA sample and records from a database;
- ▶ requires certain DNA specimen to be processed and entered into a database;
- ▶ permits a person to request the destruction of the person's DNA specimen and related records under certain conditions; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-10-404.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 331

53-10-406, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 405

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



28 Section 1. Section 53-10-404.5 is amended to read:

29 **53-10-404.5. Obtaining DNA specimen at time of booking -- Payment of fee upon**
30 **conviction.**

31 (1) (a) When a sheriff books a person for any offense under Subsections
32 53-10-403(1)(c) and (d), the sheriff shall:

33 (i) except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), obtain a DNA specimen from the person
34 upon booking of the person at the county jail[~~, except under Subsection (1)(b).~~]; and

35 (ii) provide the person, in a manner the bureau specifies, notice of the process
36 described in Subsection 53-10-406(6)(b) to request destruction of the DNA specimen and
37 removal of the person's DNA sample and DNA records from the database described in
38 Subsection 53-10-406(1)(d).

39 (b) If at the time of booking the sheriff is able to obtain information from the bureau
40 stating that the bureau has on file a DNA specimen for the person, the sheriff is not required to
41 obtain an additional DNA specimen.

42 (2) The person booked under Subsection (1) shall pay a fee of \$150 for the cost of
43 obtaining the DNA specimen if:

44 (a) the charge upon which the booking is based is resolved by a conviction or the
45 person is convicted of any charge arising out of the same criminal episode regarding which the
46 DNA specimen was obtained; and

47 (b) the person's DNA sample is not on file under Subsection (1)(b).

48 (3) (a) All fees collected under Subsection (2) shall be deposited in the DNA Specimen
49 Restricted Account created in Section 53-10-407, except that the agency collecting the fee may
50 retain not more than \$25 per individual specimen for the costs of obtaining the DNA specimen.

51 (b) The agency collecting the \$150 fee may not retain from each separate fee more than
52 \$25, and no amount of the \$150 fee may be credited to any other fee or agency obligation.

53 (4) Any DNA specimen obtained under this section shall be ~~[held and may not be~~
54 ~~processed until]~~ processed and entered into the database described in Subsection
55 53-10-406(1)(d), if the DNA specimen is:

56 ~~[(a) the court has bound the person over for trial following a preliminary hearing for~~
57 ~~any charge arising out of the same criminal episode regarding which the person was booked;]~~

58 ~~[(b) the person has waived the preliminary hearing for any charge arising out of the~~

59 ~~same criminal episode regarding which the person was booked; or]~~
 60 ~~[(e) a grand jury has returned an indictment for any charge arising out of the same~~
 61 ~~criminal episode regarding which the person was booked.]~~

62 (a) obtained in accordance with Subsections 53-10-403(1)(c) through (e); and

63 (b) in the possession of the bureau.

64 Section 2. Section 53-10-406 is amended to read:

65 **53-10-406. DNA specimen analysis -- Bureau responsibilities.**

66 (1) The bureau shall:

67 (a) administer and oversee the DNA specimen collection process;

68 (b) store ~~[all DNA specimens]~~ each DNA specimen received and other physical
 69 evidence obtained from analysis of ~~[those specimens]~~ each specimen;

70 (c) analyze ~~[the specimens]~~ each specimen, or contract with a qualified public or
 71 private laboratory to analyze the specimen, to establish the genetic profile of the donor or to
 72 otherwise determine the identity of ~~[persons or contract with other qualified public or private~~
 73 ~~laboratories to conduct the analysis]~~ the person;

74 (d) maintain a criminal identification data base containing information derived from
 75 DNA analysis;

76 (e) utilize ~~[the]~~ all specimens to create statistical population frequency data bases,
 77 provided that genetic profiles or other information in a population frequency data base may not
 78 be identified with specific individuals;

79 (f) ensure that the DNA identification system does not provide information allowing
 80 prediction of genetic disease or predisposition to illness;

81 (g) ensure that only DNA markers routinely used or accepted in the field of forensic
 82 science are used to establish the gender and unique individual identification of the donor;

83 (h) utilize only those DNA analysis procedures that are consistent with, and do not
 84 exceed, procedures established and used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the forensic
 85 analysis of DNA; and

86 ~~[(i) destroy a DNA specimen obtained under this part if criminal charges have not been~~
 87 ~~filed within 90 days after booking for an alleged offense under Subsection 53-10-403(2)(c);~~
 88 ~~and]~~

89 ~~[(j)]~~ (i) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative

90 Rulemaking Act, establishing procedures for obtaining, transmitting, and analyzing DNA
91 specimens and for storing and destroying DNA specimens and other physical evidence and
92 criminal identification information obtained from the analysis.

93 (2) Procedures for DNA analysis may include all techniques which the [~~Department of~~
94 ~~Public Safety~~] department determines are accurate and reliable in establishing identity,
95 including [~~but not limited to,~~] analysis of DNA, antigen antibodies, polymorphic enzymes, or
96 polymorphic proteins.

97 (3) (a) In accordance with Section [63G-2-305](#), [~~all DNA specimens received shall be~~]
98 each DNA specimen received is classified as protected.

99 (b) The [~~Department of Public Safety~~] department may not transfer or disclose any
100 DNA specimen, physical evidence, or criminal identification information obtained, stored, or
101 maintained under this section, except under [~~its~~] the provisions of this section.

102 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection [63G-2-202](#)(1), the department may deny inspection if
103 [~~it~~] the department determines that there is a reasonable likelihood that the inspection would
104 prejudice a pending criminal investigation.

105 (5) (a) The department shall adopt procedures governing the inspection of [~~records,~~
106 ~~DNA specimens, and challenges to the accuracy of records~~] a record, a DNA specimen, and a
107 challenge to the accuracy of a record.

108 (b) The procedures described in Subsection (5)(a) shall accommodate the need to
109 preserve [~~the materials~~] material from contamination and destruction.

110 (6) A person whose DNA specimen [~~has been~~] is obtained under this part may,
111 personally or through a legal representative, submit:

112 (a) to the court a motion for a court order requiring the destruction of the person's DNA
113 specimen and any criminal identification record created in connection with that specimen if:

114 [~~(a)~~] (i) a final judgment reverses the conviction, judgment, or order that created an
115 obligation to provide a DNA specimen; or

116 (ii) all charges arising from the same criminal episode for which the DNA specimen
117 was obtained under Subsection [53-10-404.5](#)(1)(a) have been resolved by a final judgment of
118 dismissal or acquittal; [~~and~~] or

119 [~~(b) the department determines that the person has not otherwise become obligated to~~
120 ~~submit a DNA specimen as a result of any separate conviction or juvenile adjudication for any~~

121 offense listed in Subsection ~~53-10-403(2).~~]

122 (b) to the department a request for the destruction of the person's DNA specimen and
123 removal of the person's DNA specimen and DNA records from the database described in
124 Subsection (1)(d) if:

125 (i) no charge arising from the same criminal episode for which the DNA specimen was
126 obtained under Subsection ~~53-10-404.5(1)(a)~~ is filed against the person within one year after
127 the day on which the person is booked; or

128 (ii) all charges arising from the same criminal episode for which the DNA specimen
129 was obtained under Subsection ~~53-10-404.5(1)(a)~~ have been resolved by a final judgment of
130 dismissal with prejudice or acquittal.

131 (7) A court order issued under Subsection (6)(a) may be accompanied by a written
132 notice to the person advising that state law provides for expungement of criminal charges if the
133 charge is resolved by a final judgment of dismissal or acquittal.

134 (8) ~~Upon receipt of~~ The department shall destroy the person's DNA specimen, all
135 physical evidence obtained from the person's DNA specimen, and all criminal identification
136 records related to the person, if:

137 (a) the person provides the department with:

138 (i) a court order for destruction ~~[pursuant to]~~ described in Subsection ~~[(6) and receipt~~
139 ~~of] (6)(a); and~~

140 (ii) a certified copy of:

141 (A) the court order reversing the conviction, judgment, or order~~[-, a certified copy of];~~

142 (B) a court order to set aside the conviction~~[-, or a certified copy of]; or~~

143 (C) the dismissal or acquittal of the charge regarding which the person was arrested~~[-~~

144 ~~the Department of Public Safety shall destroy any specimen received from the person, any~~

145 ~~physical evidence obtained from that specimen, and any criminal identification records~~

146 ~~pertaining to the person, unless prohibited under Subsection (6)(b).]; and~~

147 (b) the department determines that the person has not otherwise become obligated to
148 submit a DNA specimen as a result of any separate conviction or juvenile adjudication for any
149 offense listed in Subsection ~~53-10-403(2).~~

150 (9) The department shall destroy a person's DNA specimen and remove the person's
151 DNA sample and DNA records from the database described in Subsection (1)(d), if:

152 (a) the person provides the department with:
 153 (i) a written request for destruction of the DNA specimen and removal of the DNA
 154 sample and DNA records described in Subsection (6)(b); and
 155 (ii) a certified copy of:
 156 (A) a declination to prosecute from the prosecutor; or
 157 (B) a court document that indicates all charges have been resolved by a final judgment
 158 of dismissal with prejudice or acquittal; and
 159 (b) the department determines that the person is not obligated to submit a DNA
 160 specimen as a result of a separate conviction or juvenile adjudication for an offense listed in
 161 Subsection 53-10-403(2).

162 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) The department:
 163 (a) is not required to destroy any item of physical evidence obtained from a DNA
 164 specimen if evidence relating to another person subject to the provisions of Sections 53-10-404
 165 and 53-10-405 would as a result be destroyed[-]; and
 166 (b) may not destroy a person's DNA specimen or remove a person's DNA sample and
 167 DNA records from the database described in Subsection (1)(d) if the person has a prior felony
 168 conviction or a pending felony charge for which collection of a sample is authorized in
 169 accordance with Section 53-10-404.

170 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) A DNA specimen, physical evidence, or criminal identification record may
 171 not be affected by an order to set aside a conviction, except under the provisions of this section.

172 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) If funding is not available for analysis of any of the DNA specimens
 173 collected under this part, the bureau shall store the collected specimens until funding is made
 174 available for analysis through state or federal funds.

175 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) (a) (i) A person who, due to the person's employment or authority, has
 176 possession of or access to individually identifiable DNA information contained in the state
 177 criminal identification database or the state DNA specimen repository may not willfully
 178 disclose the information in any manner to any individual, agency, or entity that is not entitled
 179 under this part to receive the information.

180 (ii) A person may not willfully obtain individually identifiable DNA information from
 181 the state criminal identification database or the state DNA repository other than as authorized
 182 by this part.

183 (iii) A person may not willfully analyze a DNA specimen for any purpose, or to obtain
184 any information other than as required under this part.

185 (iv) A person may not willfully fail to destroy or fail to ensure the destruction of a
186 DNA specimen when destruction is required by this part or by court order.

187 (b) (i) A person who violates Subsection [~~(12)~~] (13)(a)(i), (ii), or (iii) is guilty of a third
188 degree felony.

189 (ii) A person who violates Subsection [~~(12)~~] (13)(a)(iv) is guilty of a class B
190 misdemeanor.