

DNA PROCESSING AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides that the attorney general may assist a local law enforcement agency with an investigation and sets standards for the use of Rapid DNA testing.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows the Bureau of Forensic Services to authorize DNA testing and analysis at locations other than the state lab; and
- ▶ provides standards for the use of Rapid DNA testing.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-10-403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 289

53-10-403.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 405

ENACTS:

53-10-403.6, Utah Code Annotated 1953

67-5-1.2, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

29 Section 1. Section **53-10-403** is amended to read:

30 **53-10-403. DNA specimen analysis -- Application to offenders, including minors.**

31 (1) Sections [53-10-403.6](#), [53-10-404](#), [53-10-404.5](#), [53-10-405](#), and [53-10-406](#) apply to
32 any person who:

33 (a) has pled guilty to or has been convicted of any of the offenses under Subsection
34 (2)(a) or (b) on or after July 1, 2002;

35 (b) has pled guilty to or has been convicted by any other state or by the United States
36 government of an offense which if committed in this state would be punishable as one or more
37 of the offenses listed in Subsection (2)(a) or (b) on or after July 1, 2003;

38 (c) has been booked on or after January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2014, for any
39 offense under Subsection (2)(c);

40 (d) has been booked:

41 (i) by a law enforcement agency that is obtaining a DNA specimen on or after May 13,
42 2014, through December 31, 2014, under Subsection [53-10-404\(4\)\(b\)](#) for any felony offense; or

43 (ii) on or after January 1, 2015, for any felony offense; or

44 (e) is a minor under Subsection (3).

45 (2) Offenses referred to in Subsection (1) are:

46 (a) any felony or class A misdemeanor under the Utah Code;

47 (b) any offense under Subsection (2)(a):

48 (i) for which the court enters a judgment for conviction to a lower degree of offense
49 under Section [76-3-402](#); or

50 (ii) regarding which the court allows the defendant to enter a plea in abeyance as
51 defined in Section [77-2a-1](#); or

52 (c) (i) any violent felony as defined in Section [53-10-403.5](#);

53 (ii) sale or use of body parts, Section [26-28-116](#);

54 (iii) failure to stop at an accident that resulted in death, Section [41-6a-401.5](#);

55 (iv) driving with any amount of a controlled substance in a person's body and causing
56 serious bodily injury or death, Subsection [58-37-8\(2\)\(g\)](#);

57 (v) a felony violation of enticing a minor over the Internet, Section [76-4-401](#);

58 (vi) a felony violation of propelling a substance or object at a correctional officer, a

- 59 peace officer, or an employee or a volunteer, including health care providers, Section
60 76-5-102.6;
- 61 (vii) aggravated human trafficking and aggravated human smuggling, Section
62 76-5-310;
- 63 (viii) a felony violation of unlawful sexual activity with a minor, Section 76-5-401;
- 64 (ix) a felony violation of sexual abuse of a minor, Section 76-5-401.1;
- 65 (x) unlawful sexual contact with a 16 or 17-year old, Section 76-5-401.2;
- 66 (xi) sale of a child, Section 76-7-203;
- 67 (xii) aggravated escape, Subsection 76-8-309(2);
- 68 (xiii) a felony violation of assault on an elected official, Section 76-8-315;
- 69 (xiv) influencing, impeding, or retaliating against a judge or member of the Board of
70 Pardons and Parole, Section 76-8-316;
- 71 (xv) advocating criminal syndicalism or sabotage, Section 76-8-902;
- 72 (xvi) assembly for advocating criminal syndicalism or sabotage, Section 76-8-903;
- 73 (xvii) a felony violation of sexual battery, Section 76-9-702.1;
- 74 (xviii) a felony violation of lewdness involving a child, Section 76-9-702.5;
- 75 (xix) a felony violation of abuse or desecration of a dead human body, Section
76 76-9-704;
- 77 (xx) manufacture, possession, sale, or use of a weapon of mass destruction, Section
78 76-10-402;
- 79 (xxi) manufacture, possession, sale, or use of a hoax weapon of mass destruction,
80 Section 76-10-403;
- 81 (xxii) possession of a concealed firearm in the commission of a violent felony,
82 Subsection 76-10-504(4);
- 83 (xxiii) assault with the intent to commit bus hijacking with a dangerous weapon,
84 Subsection 76-10-1504(3);
- 85 (xxiv) commercial obstruction, Subsection 76-10-2402(2);
- 86 (xxv) a felony violation of failure to register as a sex or kidnap offender, Section
87 77-41-107;
- 88 (xxvi) repeat violation of a protective order, Subsection 77-36-1.1(2)(c); or
89 (xxvii) violation of condition for release after arrest under Section 77-20-3.5.

90 (3) A minor under Subsection (1) is a minor 14 years of age or older whom a Utah
91 court has adjudicated to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court due to the commission
92 of any offense described in Subsection (2), and who is:

93 (a) within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court on or after July 1, 2002₂ for an offense
94 under Subsection (2); or

95 (b) in the legal custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services on or after July 1,
96 2002₂ for an offense under Subsection (2).

97 Section 2. Section **53-10-403.5** is amended to read:

98 **53-10-403.5. Definitions.**

99 As used in Sections [53-10-403](#), [53-10-404](#), [53-10-404.5](#), [53-10-405](#), and [53-10-406](#):

100 (1) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Forensic Services.

101 (2) "Conviction" means:

102 (a) a verdict or conviction;

103 (b) a plea of guilty or guilty and mentally ill;

104 (c) a plea of no contest; or

105 (d) the acceptance by the court of a plea in abeyance.

106 (3) "DNA" means deoxyribonucleic acid.

107 (4) "DNA specimen" or "specimen" means a sample of a person's saliva or blood.

108 (5) "Final judgment" means a judgment, including any supporting opinion, concerning
109 which all appellate remedies have been exhausted or the time for appeal has expired.

110 (6) "Rapid DNA" means the fully automated process of developing a DNA profile
111 from a reference sample buccal swab without human intervention.

112 [~~6~~] (7) "Violent felony" means any offense under Section [76-3-203.5](#).

113 Section 3. Section **53-10-403.6** is enacted to read:

114 **53-10-403.6. Use of Rapid DNA.**

115 (1) Rapid DNA technology may be used for the purposes of conducting testing of a
116 DNA specimen obtained during an investigation or at the time of booking in accordance with
117 Section [53-10-405](#) if, at the time the specimen is obtained, a second specimen is also obtained
118 which is submitted to the bureau for testing.

119 (2) Rapid DNA technology may be used for other purposes only when conducted by a
120 National DNA Index System participating laboratory that follows the Federal Bureau of

121 Investigation Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories.

122 (3) If the attorney general submits a DNA specimen in accordance with the provisions
123 of Section 67-5-1.2 on behalf of a local investigation, the bureau shall provide the results of the
124 test directly to the local law enforcement agency or county or district attorney that requested the
125 attorney general's assistance.

126 Section 4. Section 67-5-1.2 is enacted to read:

127 **67-5-1.2. Local investigation assistance.**

128 The attorney general may:

129 (1) assist or intervene in a local investigation only if:

130 (a) the local law enforcement agency requests assistance; or

131 (b) the county or district attorney requests assistance; and

132 (2) provide Rapid DNA assistance for a local investigation upon request and in

133 accordance with Section 53-10-403.6.