

# HOUSE BILL No. 1250

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-33-5-9; IC 35-42-2-6.

**Synopsis:** Battery by body waste. Allows a law enforcement officer to take a blood sample from a person without the person's consent and without obtaining a search warrant if the law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that a person has committed battery by body waste and: (1) the law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that the current state of the person's blood will constitute evidence to determine if the person was infected with hepatitis B, hepatitis C, HIV, or tuberculosis at the time the person committed the offense; (2) the law enforcement officer reasonably believes that an emergency exists in which the time that would be necessary to obtain a search warrant would threaten the loss, alteration, or destruction of  
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**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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the evidence; and (3) the procedures used to extract the blood sample are reasonable and in accordance with accepted medical practices. Makes the offense of battery by body waste: (1) a Class C felony instead of a Class D felony if the person who committed the offense knew or recklessly failed to know that the person was infected with hepatitis C; and (2) a Class B felony instead of a Class D felony if the person who committed the offense knew or recklessly failed to know that the person was infected with hepatitis C and the offense results in the transmission of hepatitis C to another person.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-33-5-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**  
3 **1, 1999]: Sec. 9. (a) If a law enforcement officer has probable cause**  
4 **to believe that a person has committed an offense under**  
5 **IC 35-42-2-6 (battery by body waste), the law enforcement officer**  
6 **may take a blood sample from the person without the person's**  
7 **consent and without obtaining a search warrant if:**  
8 (1) **the law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe**  
9 **that the current state of the person's blood will constitute**  
10 **evidence under IC 35-42-2-6 to determine if the person was**  
11 **infected with:**  
12 (A) **hepatitis B;**  
13 (B) **hepatitis C;**  
14 (C) **HIV; or**  
15 (D) **tuberculosis;**



- 1 at the time the person committed the offense under  
2 IC 35-42-2-6;
- 3 (2) the law enforcement officer reasonably believes that an  
4 emergency exists in which the time that would be necessary to  
5 obtain a search warrant would threaten the loss, alteration, or  
6 destruction of the evidence; and
- 7 (3) the procedures used to extract the blood sample are  
8 reasonable and in accordance with accepted medical  
9 practices.
- 10 (b) A physician or a person trained in obtaining blood samples  
11 and acting under the direction of or under a protocol prepared by  
12 a physician shall obtain a blood sample under this section if the  
13 following conditions exist:
- 14 (1) A law enforcement officer requests that the sample be  
15 obtained.
- 16 (2) The law enforcement officer has certified in writing the  
17 following:
- 18 (A) That the officer has probable cause to believe the  
19 person from whom the sample is to be obtained has  
20 violated IC 35-42-2-6.
- 21 (B) That the person from whom the sample is to be  
22 obtained has been transported to a hospital or other  
23 medical facility.
- 24 (3) Not more than the use of reasonable force is necessary to  
25 obtain the sample.
- 26 (c) A physician or a person trained in obtaining blood samples  
27 and acting under the direction of or under a protocol prepared by  
28 a physician, who:
- 29 (1) obtains a blood sample from a person; or  
30 (2) performs a test on blood from a person;
- 31 under this section shall deliver the sample or disclose the results of  
32 the test to a law enforcement officer who requests the sample or  
33 results as a part of a criminal investigation. Samples and test  
34 results shall be provided to a law enforcement officer even if the  
35 person has not consented to or otherwise authorized their release.
- 36 (d) The test results and samples obtained by a law enforcement  
37 officer under this section may be disclosed only to:
- 38 (1) the victim of the offense that was committed under  
39 IC 35-42-2-6; and  
40 (2) a prosecuting attorney or a deputy prosecuting attorney  
41 for use as evidence in a criminal proceeding under  
42 IC 35-42-2-6.

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- 1           **(e) If the person:**  
 2           **(1) from whom the blood sample is to be obtained under this**  
 3           **section does not consent; and**  
 4           **(2) resists the taking of a blood sample;**  
 5           **the law enforcement officer may use reasonable force to assist an**  
 6           **individual, who must be authorized under this section to obtain a**  
 7           **blood sample, in the taking of the blood sample.**  
 8           **(f) The person authorized under this section to obtain a blood**  
 9           **sample shall take the blood sample in a medically accepted**  
 10           **manner.**  
 11           **(g) A law enforcement officer may transport the person to a**  
 12           **place other than a hospital where the blood sample may be**  
 13           **obtained by any of the following persons who are trained in**  
 14           **obtaining blood samples and who have been engaged to obtain**  
 15           **blood samples under this section:**  
 16           **(1) A physician holding an unlimited license to practice**  
 17           **medicine or osteopathy.**  
 18           **(2) A registered nurse.**  
 19           **(3) A licensed practical nurse.**  
 20           **(4) An advanced emergency medical technician (as defined in**  
 21           **IC 16-18-2-6).**  
 22           **(5) A paramedic.**  
 23           **(h) A physician, a hospital, or an agent of a physician or hospital**  
 24           **is not civilly or criminally liable for any of the following:**  
 25           **(1) Disclosing test results in accordance with this section.**  
 26           **(2) Delivering a blood sample in accordance with this section.**  
 27           **(3) Obtaining a blood sample in accordance with this section.**  
 28           **(4) Disclosing test results to:**  
 29           **(A) the victim of the offense committed under**  
 30           **IC 35-42-2-6; or**  
 31           **(B) the prosecuting attorney or the deputy prosecuting**  
 32           **attorney for use at the criminal trial of the person.**  
 33           **(5) Testifying at the criminal trial of the person as to facts**  
 34           **observed or opinions formed.**  
 35           **(6) Injury to a person arising from the performance of duties**  
 36           **in good faith under this section.**  
 37           **(i) For purposes of this section:**  
 38           **(1) the privileges arising from a patient-physician relationship**  
 39           **do not apply to the samples, test results, or testimony**  
 40           **described in this section; and**  
 41           **(2) samples, test results, and testimony may be admitted in a**  
 42           **proceeding in accordance with the applicable rules of**



1 **evidence.**

2 **The exceptions to the patient-physician relationship specified in**  
 3 **this subsection do not affect those relationships in a proceeding not**  
 4 **covered by this section.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 35-42-2-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6. (a) As used in this  
 7 section, "corrections officer" includes a person employed by:

- 8 (1) the department of correction;  
 9 (2) a law enforcement agency; or  
 10 (3) a county jail.

11 (b) As used in this section, "human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)"  
 12 includes acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and AIDS  
 13 related complex.

14 (c) A person who knowingly or intentionally in a rude, insolent, or  
 15 angry manner places blood or another body fluid or waste on a law  
 16 enforcement officer or a corrections officer identified as such and while  
 17 engaged in the performance of official duties or coerces another person  
 18 to place blood or another body fluid or waste on the law enforcement  
 19 officer or corrections officer commits battery by body waste, a Class D  
 20 felony. However, the offense is:

21 (1) a Class C felony if the person knew or recklessly failed to  
 22 know that the person was infected with:

- 23 (A) hepatitis B;  
 24 **(B) hepatitis C;**  
 25 ~~(B)~~ (C) HIV; or  
 26 ~~(C)~~ (D) tuberculosis;

27 (2) a Class B felony if:

- 28 (A) the person knew or recklessly failed to know that the  
 29 person was infected with hepatitis B **or hepatitis C** and the  
 30 offense results in the transmission of hepatitis B **or hepatitis**  
 31 **C** to the other person; or  
 32 (B) the person knew or recklessly failed to know that the  
 33 person was infected with tuberculosis and the offense results  
 34 in the transmission of tuberculosis to the other person; and

35 (3) a Class A felony if:

- 36 (A) the person knew or recklessly failed to know that the  
 37 person was infected with HIV; and  
 38 (B) the offense results in the transmission of HIV to the other  
 39 person.

40 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] **This act applies only to**  
 41 **crimes committed after June 30, 1999.**



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