
HOUSE BILL 2349

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By Representatives Ludwig, Paris, Appelwick, Riley, Broback, Locke, Winsley and O'Brien; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state crime laboratory system; and adding
2 new sections to chapter 43.43 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that it is the
5 policy of the state that persons convicted of certain crimes shall pay
6 costs associated with the scientific analysis of forensic evidence.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** As used in sections 1, 3, and 4 of this
8 act, "crime laboratory" means any laboratory operated by the Washington
9 state patrol in the crime laboratory system created by RCW 43.43.670.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) When a person has been adjudged
11 guilty of violating any criminal statute of this state and a crime
12 laboratory analysis was performed by a state crime laboratory, in

1 addition to any other disposition, penalty, or fine imposed, the court
2 shall levy a crime laboratory analysis fee of one hundred dollars for
3 each offense for which the person was convicted. Upon a verified
4 petition by the person assessed the fee, the court may suspend payment
5 of all or part of the fee if it finds that the person does not have the
6 ability to pay the fee.

7 (2) When a minor has been adjudicated a juvenile offender for an
8 offense which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a violation
9 of any criminal statute of this state and a crime laboratory analysis
10 was performed, in addition to any other disposition imposed, the court
11 shall assess a crime laboratory analysis fee of one hundred dollars for
12 each adjudication. Upon a verified petition by a minor assessed the
13 fee, the court may suspend payment of all or part of the fee it finds
14 that the minor does not have the ability to pay the fee. The parent,
15 guardian, or legal custodian of the minor may pay some or all of the
16 fee on the minor's behalf.

17 (3) All crime laboratory analysis fees assessed under this section
18 shall be collected by the clerk of the court and forwarded to the
19 general fund. The clerk may retain five dollars to defray the costs of
20 collecting the fees.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** All receipts from crime laboratory
22 analysis fees shall be deposited into the general fund.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are
24 each added to chapter 43.43 RCW.