

Administrative Rule Analysis



ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING OF BIOLOGICAL AND NON-BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

Current administrative rules allow for the use of the gas chromatograph and gas chromatography/mass spectrometry methods of testing biological and non-biological specimens for ethanol and other compounds. This rule change would allow for the use of the liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry method to test biological and non-biological specimens in addition to the currently accepted testing methods. The use of the liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry method by local law enforcement agencies with forensic testing capabilities would be voluntary, as they would be able to continue to utilize currently accepted testing methods.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The Department of State Police estimates that this rule change would provide approximately \$300,000 in cost savings annually, resulting from a reduction in consumable testing materials and testing time. This rule change would have no fiscal impact on local law enforcement agencies.

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