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In Senate, March 11, 2025

**An Act to Exempt from Fees Certain Services Performed by the
Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory for Criminal
Investigations**

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 5, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec,
Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BISHOP of Bucksport, NUTTING of Oakland,
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §565, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 499, §2 and affected by
3 §26, is amended to read:

4 **3. Fees for services.** The department shall establish by rule a schedule of charges for
5 services rendered by the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory based on the
6 average costs for those services. The department shall establish services essential to the
7 public health. These services must be provided free to residents of the State. The schedule
8 of charges must exempt from fees testing for substance use or to determine a blood-alcohol
9 or drug concentration level or for analysis of a substance that is suspected of being an illegal
10 drug when such testing or analysis is conducted pursuant to a criminal investigation.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from establishing a
13 fee for certain testing or analysis conducted by the Health and Environmental Testing
14 Laboratory when such testing or analysis is conducted pursuant to a criminal investigation.