

REFERENCE TITLE: sexual offenses; forensic examination; expenses

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Introduced by
Senator Kerr

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-1414, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 36-420.02; RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-1414, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 13-1414. Expenses of investigation; website notice

5 A. Any medical or forensic interview OR EXAMINATION expenses
6 arising out of the need to secure evidence that a person has been the
7 victim of a dangerous crime against children as defined in section 13-705
8 or a sexual assault shall be paid by the county in which the offense
9 occurred with any of the following:

10 1. Federal monies.

11 2. State monies that are appropriated by the legislature for these
12 investigation expenses.

13 3. Any applicable combination of monies described in paragraph 1
14 or 2 of this section.

15 B. EACH COUNTY SHALL PUBLISH THE NAME OF THE COUNTY OFFICIAL WHO IS
16 RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE EXPENSES INCLUDED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS
17 SECTION ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE.

18 Sec. 2. Title 36, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
19 is amended by adding section 36-420.02, to read:

20 36-420.02. Additional charges for medical or forensic
21 examination; prohibition

22 A. A HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION MAY NOT CHARGE AN INTAKE,
23 CONSULTATION, FACILITY OR OTHER FEE TO A PATIENT AS PART OF A MEDICAL OR
24 FORENSIC INTERVIEW OR EXAMINATION FOR WHICH THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO PAY
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-1414.

26 B. A HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY NOT ISSUE,
27 EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ITS BILLING COMPANY, ANY ADDITIONAL BALANCE
28 BILL TO A PATIENT RELATING TO A MEDICAL OR FORENSIC INTERVIEW OR
29 EXAMINATION FOR WHICH THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO PAY PURSUANT TO SECTION
30 13-1414.