

REFERENCE TITLE: tracking system; sexual assault kits

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1735; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 12, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1735, to read:

4 41-1735. Sexual assault kit evidence tracking system;
5 definitions

6 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE
7 TRACKING SYSTEM TO TRACK SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE THAT IS COLLECTED AS
8 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 13-1426. A MEDICAL PROVIDER, LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 AGENCY, PUBLIC ACCREDITED CRIME LABORATORY OR OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY THAT
10 HAS CUSTODY OR USE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE SHALL SUBMIT THAT
11 INFORMATION TO THE SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE TRACKING SYSTEM. THE
12 SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE TRACKING SYSTEM MUST:

13 1. TRACK THE LOCATION AND STATUS OF EACH SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT,
14 INCLUDING:

15 (a) THE INITIAL COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE FOR THE KIT IN A FORENSIC
16 MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

17 (b) THE RECEIPT AND STORAGE OF THE KIT AT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

18 (c) THE RECEIPT AND ANALYSIS OF THE KIT AT A PUBLIC ACCREDITED
19 CRIME LABORATORY.

20 (d) THE STORAGE AND DESTRUCTION OF THE KIT.

21 2. ALLOW A HEALTH CARE FACILITY THAT PERFORMS A FORENSIC MEDICAL
22 EXAMINATION OF A VICTIM, A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A PUBLIC ACCREDITED
23 CRIME LABORATORY, A PROSECUTOR OR ANOTHER ENTITY THAT PROVIDES A CHAIN OF
24 CUSTODY FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE TO UPDATE AND TRACK THE STATUS AND
25 LOCATION OF THE KITS.

26 3. ALLOW A VICTIM TO ANONYMOUSLY TRACK AND RECEIVE UPDATES
27 REGARDING THE STATUS AND LOCATION OF THE VICTIM'S SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT
28 EVIDENCE, WITH ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF DESTRUCTION OF THE KIT.

29 B. SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE RECORDS THAT ARE ENTERED INTO THE
30 SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE TRACKING SYSTEM ARE CONFIDENTIAL, EXCEPT THAT
31 THE RECORDS MAY BE ACCESSED BY:

32 1. THE VICTIM FOR WHOM THE SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE WAS
33 COMPLETED.

34 2. AN EMPLOYEE OF AN ENTITY LISTED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION
35 FOR THE PURPOSES OF UPDATING OR TRACKING THE STATUS OR LOCATION OF THE
36 SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE.

37 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

38 1. "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN
39 SECTION 13-1426.

40 2. "PUBLIC ACCREDITED CRIME LABORATORY" HAS THE SAME MEANING
41 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 13-1426.