H. R. 2070

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 25, 1997

Mr. Solomon (for himself and Mr. Condit) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Correction Officers
- 5 Health and Safety Act of 1997".

1 SEC. 2. TESTING FOR TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASE OF CER-

- 2 TAIN INCARCERATED PERSONS.
- 3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 301 of title 18, United
- 4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
- 5 ing:

6 "§ 4014. Testing for transmissible disease

- 7 "(a) If the bodily fluids, of a person who is incarcer-
- 8 ated in a Federal correctional facility, that are capable of
- 9 causing a serious transmissible disease come into contact
- 10 with any officer or employee of the United States or any
- 11 other person not so incarcerated, the Attorney General
- 12 shall, under such rules as the Attorney General makes to
- 13 carry out this section, cause the incarcerated person to
- 14 be tested for those diseases and promptly communicate in
- 15 writing the results of the tests to the person with whom
- 16 such fluids came into contact. If any such tests indicate
- 17 that such a disease might have been transmitted, the At-
- 18 torney General shall make appropriate referrals for coun-
- 19 seling and health care and support services.
- 20 "(b) As used in this section, the term 'serious trans-
- 21 missible disease' means the human immunodeficiency
- 22 virus (HIV) or any of its derivatives, hepatitis and any
- 23 of its derivatives, tuberculosis, and any other serious ill-
- 24 ness which an exposed person might reasonably expect to
- 25 contract from the contact.".

- 1 (b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections
- 2 at the beginning of chapter 301 of title 18, United States
- 3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: "4014. Testing for transmissible disease.".
- 4 (c) Not later than one year after the date of the en-
- 5 actment of this section, the Attorney General, in consulta-
- 6 tion with the Corrections and Criminal Justice Coalition,
- 7 shall make voluntary national guidelines for testing for se-
- 8 rious transmissible diseases of incarcerated persons whose
- 9 bodily fluids come into contact with corrections personnel
- 10 or other persons and for the provision of notice to persons
- 11 with whom those bodily fluids came into contact of the
- 12 results of such tests.

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