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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 12, 2017

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. LEE, Mr. COONS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 11, 2017

Reported by Mr. GRASSLEY, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Rapid DNA Act of
3 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. RAPID DNA INSTRUMENTS.**

5 (a) STANDARDS.—Section 210303(a) of the DNA
6 Identification Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14131(a)) is amend-
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(5)(A) In addition to issuing standards as pro-
9 vided in paragraphs (1) through (4), the Director of
10 the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall issue
11 standards and procedures for the use of Rapid DNA
12 instruments and resulting DNA analyses.

13 “(B) In this Act, the term ‘Rapid DNA instru-
14 ments’ means instrumentation that carries out a
15 fully automated process to derive a DNA analysis
16 from a DNA sample.”.

17 (b) INDEX.—Paragraph (2) of section 210304(b) of
18 the DNA Identification Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C.
19 14132(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(2) prepared by—

21 “(A) laboratories that—

22 “(i) have been accredited by a non-
23 profit professional association of persons
24 actively involved in forensic science that is
25 nationally recognized within the forensic
26 science community; and

1 “(ii) undergo external audits, not less
 2 than once every 2 years, that demonstrate
 3 compliance with standards established by
 4 the Director of the Federal Bureau of In-
 5 vestigation; or

6 “(B) criminal justice agencies using Rapid
 7 DNA instruments approved by the Director of
 8 the Federal Bureau of Investigation in compli-
 9 ance with the standards and procedures issued
 10 by the Director under section 210303(a)(5);
 11 and”.

12 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO COL-**
 13 **LECTION OF DNA IDENTIFICATION INFORMA-**
 14 **TION.**

15 (a) FROM CERTAIN FEDERAL OFFENDERS.—Section
 16 3 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000
 17 (42 U.S.C. 14135a) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
 19 following: “The Director of the Federal Bureau of
 20 Investigation may waive the requirements under this
 21 subsection if DNA samples are analyzed by means
 22 of Rapid DNA instruments and the results are in-
 23 cluded in CODIS.”; and

24 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
 25 following:

1 “(3) The term ‘Rapid DNA instruments’ means
2 instrumentation that carries out a fully automated
3 process to derive a DNA analysis from a DNA sam-
4 ple.”.

5 (b) FROM CERTAIN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OF-
6 FENDERS.—Section 4 of the DNA Analysis Backlog
7 Elimination Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14135b) is amend-
8 ed—

9 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
10 following: “The Director of the Federal Bureau of
11 Investigation may waive the requirements under this
12 subsection if DNA samples are analyzed by means
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