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# ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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#### FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2433

HIV testing; consent; repeal

## **Purpose**

Repeals statute requiring health care providers to provide informed consent information to patients prior to ordering any HIV-related test, as well as outlined exceptions.

## **Background**

Health care providers must provide patients with informed consent information prior to ordering any HIV-related test, including information that explains HIV infection and the meaning of a positive test result. The patient may ask questions and choose to decline the test. The informed consent requirement does not apply to the performance of an HIV-related test: 1) relating to procuring, processing or distributing human body parts for use in medical research, therapy or transplantation; 2) on a health care provider who has had an occupational significant exposure; 3) for research purposes; 4) on a deceased person being evaluated for cause of death; 5) on a patient who requires emergency medical treatment but lacks the capacity to consent or requires testing for diagnosis and treatment of a medical condition; or 6) performed on an anonymous basis at a public health agency (A.R.S. § 36-663).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

## **Provisions**

- 1. Repeals the requirement that health care providers provide informed consent information to patients prior to ordering any HIV-related test, as well as outlined exceptions.
- 2. Makes technical and conforming changes.
- 3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

#### House Action

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