OLR Bill Analysis SB 230

AN ACT CONCERNING MAILING OF TEST RESULTS RELATED TO OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

SUMMARY

This bill eliminates a current requirement that blood or urine test results be delivered to defendants within a certain timeframe for the tests to be admitted as evidence in court for driving under the influence (DUI), impaired boating, or impaired hunting criminal prosecutions.

Existing law establishes several conditions that generally must be met in order to admit into evidence breath, blood, or urine tests indicating the amount of alcohol or drugs in a defendant's system. Under current law, one condition is that a true copy of the test result report was mailed or personally delivered to the defendant within 24 hours or by the end of the next regular business day after the result was known, whichever is later. The bill limits this condition so that it only applies to chemical tests of the defendant's breath.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/19/2024)