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HOUSE BILL NO. 1050

Introduced by: The Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Department of Social Services

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding genetic testing and
2 analysis in paternity cases.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 25-8-7.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 25-8-7.1. In any action or proceeding in which the parentage of a child is at issue, upon
6 motion of the court, ~~or upon motion of the department, or~~ any of the interested parties for good
7 ~~cause shown~~, the court shall, for good cause shown, order the mother, the child, ~~and or~~ any
8 alleged father to submit to an examination of blood, tissue, or other bodily substances for the
9 purpose of testing any genetic systems that are generally accepted within the scientific
10 community for the conclusive determination of paternity probability. The results of the tests,
11 together with the opinions and conclusions of the testing laboratory, shall be filed with the court.
12 Upon written agreement of the mother and any presumed or alleged father, tests may be
13 conducted prior to filing of an action. If the action is then filed, the test results shall be filed with
14 the court and admitted into evidence as provided in § 25-8-7.3.

15 Section 2. That § 25-8-7.2 be amended to read as follows:

1 25-8-7.2. ~~Only a physician, laboratory technician, registered nurse, physician's assistant,~~
2 ~~phlebotomist, expanded role licensed practical nurse, medical technician, or medical technologist,~~
3 ~~acting under court order, or at the request of both the mother and any alleged father of the child,~~
4 ~~may withdraw blood; Blood, tissue, or other bodily substances may be withdrawn for the~~
5 ~~purpose of testing genetic systems to determine parentage. ~~Such persons~~ No person, and any no~~
6 ~~entity, hospital, or laboratory employing such persons, are not person, is liable for damages to~~
7 ~~the party from whom the blood, tissue, or other bodily substance is withdrawn, if the withdrawal~~
8 ~~is administered with usual and ordinary care.~~