

SB 142 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes "human immunodeficiency virus," "acquired immune deficiency syndrome," and "HIV or hepatitis B or C" to "blood-borne infection." Changes "venereal disease" and "sexually transmitted disease" to "sexually transmitted infection."

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) attacks the body's immune system, specifically the CD4 cells (T cells), which help the immune system fight off infections. Untreated, HIV reduces the number of T cells in the body, making the person more likely to get other infections or infection-related cancers. Over time, HIV can destroy so many of these cells that the body is unable to fight off infections and disease. These opportunistic infections or cancers take advantage of a weakened immune system and signal that the person has AIDS, the last stage of HIV infection. Unlike some other viruses, the human body is unable to eliminate HIV completely, even with treatment.

Senate Bill 142 A updates statutory terms related to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) to reflect current clinical terminology.

1st Chamber vote (Senate): Ayes, 28; Nays, 1; Excused, 1.