HIV Tests for Delaware's Accused Sex Offenders

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A bill that would mandate HIV testing for accused sex offenders passed the Delaware House Judiciary Committee on Thursday, the Associated Press/*Washington Examiner* reports (examiner.com, 6/9). The bill is now headed for the state house of representatives, which must approve it before it can become law.

A current Delaware law requires some indication of possible HIV transmission, such as an exchange of body fluid, before a test can be administered to anyone arrested on sex-crime charges. This amendment to that law would allow HIV testing within 48 hours of a sex-crime arrest if ordered by a court or requested by a victimized party.

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