

March 10, 2005

**S 468. CRIME LAB RECOVERY FEE. AUTHORIZING THE COURT TO ASSESS A FEE FOR THE COSTS OF THE SERVICES OF A MUNICIPAL CRIME LABORATORY.** Amends GS 7A-304 to add to criminal court costs for convicted defendant a \$300 fee for services of any municipal police laboratory facility. Fee to be remitted to general fund of municipality to be used for law enforcement purposes. Provides that these costs are assessed only in cases in which the municipal laboratory performed DNA analysis, test of bodily fluids of defendant for presence of alcohol or controlled substance, or analysis of controlled substance possessed by the defendant. Allows court to waive or reduce amount. Effective for costs assessed or collected on or after July 1, 2005

**Intro. by Graham.**

Ref. to Judiciary I

GS 7A

April 13, 2005

**S 468. CRIME LAB COST RECOVERY FEE.** Intro. 3/10/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes bill apply to crime laboratory facility operated by a local government or group of local governments (was, a municipal police laboratory). Provides that costs are to be assessed only if court finds that work performed is equivalent to kind of work performed by SBI. Sets maximum cost assessed on one case against one individual at \$300 and provides that if more than one laboratory performed work or multiple governmental units operate the facility, court must apportion proceeds from fee based on relative contribution of each governmental unit to work performed. Makes act apply to costs assessed or collected for offenses committed on or after July 1, 2005 (was, for costs assessed or collected on or after that date).