

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 688

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING A CORRECTIONAL OR DETENTION FACILITY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO ESTABLISH A POLICY TO OFFER PROSTATE EXAMS AND PHYSICIAN CONSULTATIONS TO MALE INMATES AND DETAINEES OF CERTAIN AGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

REQUIRING A CORRECTIONAL OR DETENTION FACILITY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO ESTABLISH A POLICY TO OFFER PROSTATE EXAMS AND PHYSICIAN CONSULTATIONS TO MALE INMATES AND DETAINEES OF CERTAIN AGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 29, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-29-408. Prostate screening and physician consultation.

(a) A correctional or detention facility operated or administered by the Department of Corrections shall establish a policy to offer a male inmate or detainee who is:

(1) Fifty-five (55) years of age or older but younger than seventy (70) years of age a prostate screening every two (2) years; and

(2) Forty (40) years of age or older but younger than fifty-five (55) years of age a consultation with a physician to seek professional care



as to when to receive a prostate screening.

(b) A prostate screening or consultation with a physician under this section shall be at no cost to the male inmate or detainee.

(c) As used in this section, "prostate screening" means a prostate-specific antigen test.

(d) This section does not preclude the department from providing:

(1) Prostate screenings more frequently than one (1) time every two (2) years or to age groups other than those described under subsection (a) of this section;

(2) Consultation to an age group other than those described under subsection (a) of this section; or

(3) Any other medical screenings or treatments.