

HB 1754 -- Public Officials

Sponsor: Chappelle-Nadal

This bill requires all state elected officials, executive branch managerial staff, and officers and leadership staff of the General Assembly to submit to chemical testing for determining the drug content of the blood before taking office and once every two years thereafter. The person tested will be responsible for the cost of the test and, upon request, will have access to the results. To be considered valid, the test must be administered according to methods and devices approved by the Department of Health and Senior Services and performed by licensed medical personnel or by a person possessing a valid permit issued by the department for this purpose. Anyone administering the test will not be civilly liable for damages to the person tested except for negligence or by a willful and wanton act or omission.

Any member of the General Assembly who is arrested two or more times during the course of the member's term in office must immediately forfeit and vacate the office.