

HB 2144 -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

SPONSOR: Smith

This bill requires drug testing of all members of the General Assembly within 60 days of taking the oath of office or within 60 days of a special election. Members will pay for the test which must be administered by a medical professional or individual holding a permit issued by the Department of Health and Senior Services for the purpose of drug testing.

If a test is positive for illegal drugs or drugs not authorized by medical prescription, then the member will be prohibited from running for a new elective office for two years unless the member completes a certified drug treatment program. The results of drug tests will be posted on the on-line member profile section of the Senate or House websites.