

# Legislative Analysis

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## CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK FOR POLYGRAPH EXAMINERS

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### Senate Bill 137

**Sponsor: Sen. Alan Cropsey**  
**House Committee: Judiciary**  
**Senate Committee: Judiciary**

**Complete to 2-28-05**

### A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 137 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 2-9-05

Senate Bill 137 would amend the Forensic Polygraph Examiners Act to require an applicant for a polygraph examiner license to submit a completed fingerprint card and arrange and pay for a criminal history check undertaken by the Department of State Police, working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Currently, upon application and payment of the required license fee, applicants must furnish the Board of Forensic Polygraph Examiners with "completed fingerprint cards in duplicate," and other identifying information or certification as to their authenticity as the board requires. Under the bill, an applicant would have to furnish the board with a single completed fingerprint card, along with other identifying information or certification that the board required, and arrange for "the conduct of a criminal history check that fails to demonstrate ineligibility" under the act.

The bill would require the board of examiners to submit the fingerprints along with the appropriate state and federal fees to the Department of State Police for a criminal history check. The department then could forward the fingerprints to the FBI for a criminal history check. The applicant would have to pay the fee when submitting the fingerprints to the board. Information obtained from the criminal history check would be limited to an official determination of the applicant's character and fitness for licensing purposes.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

Since the bill requires the applicant to pay for the criminal background check, there is no fiscal impact on the State of Michigan or local units of government.

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