

SPONSOR STATEMENT  
HB 210

*"An Act relating to blood testing of certain persons alleged to have committed certain offenses directed toward peace officers or emergency workers."*

HB 210 takes policies and procedures for testing for blood borne pathogen exposure to correctional officers that were passed by the 23<sup>rd</sup> Alaskan Legislature and expands them to include peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and mobile paramedics.

The bill first sets out procedures for determining if the first responders were exposed to blood borne pathogens in the course of their work. Once it is reasonably concluded that such exposure has occurred, the bill then sets out procedures for obtaining the consent of the person who exposed the first responder to have his or her blood tested. These procedures protect the identity of the person tested and pass on only the results of the test to the first responder exposed to the blood borne pathogens. The results of the test are also passed on to the person tested.

The bill also provides procedures for court ordered testing of the person who exposed the first responder to blood borne pathogens if that person refuses to be tested. The bill does not enact any new policies or procedures for blood borne pathogen testing, it simply extends the policies and procedures enacted by the 23<sup>rd</sup> Alaskan Legislature for correctional officers to the other first responders mentioned above.