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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to public safety; requiring that forensic laboratories be accredited and
 1.3 that information related to this be posted on the Internet; proposing coding for
 1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299C.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[299C.157] FORENSIC LABORATORIES.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have
 1.8 the meanings given:

1.9 (1) "forensic analysis" means the application of scientific knowledge and
 1.10 methodology by an individual who:

1.11 (i) has or should have specialized training and utilizes standardized procedures to
 1.12 conduct examinations on items of evidence;

1.13 (ii) forms an opinion or conclusion based on the outcome of the procedure under
 1.14 item (i) and the individual's training, experience, or both, and writes a report including
 1.15 the individual's conclusions; and

1.16 (iii) has the potential to offer expert testimony of the individual's analysis in a court
 1.17 of law; and

1.18 (2) "forensic laboratory" means a publicly financed laboratory within the state that
 1.19 conducts forensic analysis on items of evidence that are part of or have the potential to be
 1.20 used in a criminal investigation.

1.21 Subd. 2. **Forensic laboratories; mandatory accreditation; posting on Web**
 1.22 site. A forensic laboratory operating on or after January 1, 2014, must be accredited by
 1.23 the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board
 1.24 (ASCLD/LAB), or other accrediting body that requires conformance to standards for

- 2.1 testing laboratories established by the International Organization for Standardization
- 2.2 (ISO/IEC 17025). A forensic laboratory must forward to the commissioner of public
- 2.3 safety copies of the laboratory's certificate of accreditation and scope of accreditation. The
- 2.4 commissioner shall post these documents on the department's Web site.