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DNA Profiling Legislation to be Heard by Senate Judiciary Committee

JEFFERSON CITY – Legislation extending funding for the Missouri DNA Profiling System, sponsored by Sen. Matt Bartle, R-Lee's Summit, will be brought before the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Senate Bill 587 removes the August 28, 2006, expiration date for criminal surcharges that fund the DNA Profiling System, which was expanded due to 2004 legislation sponsored by Bartle, who is chair of the judiciary committee. The program, which requires the state to keep DNA samples of all felony offenders in the state, has resulted in nearly 150 crimes being solved. DNA records are kept in a database for use by law-enforcement officials around the nation.

WHAT: DNA Profiling System funding legislation

WHEN: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18

WHERE: Senate Committee Room 1, State Capitol, Jefferson City

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