GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 499 HOUSE BILL 1149

AN ACT TO FACILITATE TESTING FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 15A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 15A-534.3. Detention for communicable diseases.

If a judicial official conducting an initial appearance or first appearance hearing finds probable cause that an individual was exposed to the defendant in a manner that poses a significant risk of transmission of the AIDS virus or Hepatitis B by such defendant, the judicial official shall order the defendant to be detained for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 24 hours, for investigation by public health officials and for testing for AIDS virus infection and Hepatitis B infection if required by public health officials pursuant to G.S. 130A-144 and G.S. 130A-148."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989, and shall apply to acts occurring on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of June, 1989.