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**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Sen. Hillman

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR THE CLEANUP OF ILLEGAL DRUG LABORATORIES.

### **Summary of Assessment**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health and Environment to promulgate rules that establish standards for the cleanup of illegal drug laboratories. The rules shall reflect the findings of the department's 2003 report entitled "Cleanup of Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs Guidance Document" or a successor document outlining best practice standards.

The bill requires the owner of such property to meet the standards upon notification from a peace officer that chemicals, equipment, or supplies indicative of an illegal drug lab are located on the property. Once a property has met those standards, the owner shall be free from liability for any actions brought by any future owner or other person who occupies the property. The bill will become effective upon signature of the Governor.

The department will be able to promulgate and administer rules within existing budgetary resources. The bill will serve to limit the number of potential cases that might otherwise have been filed in court for damages against the owner of a property which had a drug lab in it. The bill will not affect state appropriations, and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

### **Departments Contacted**

Public Health and Environment  
Regulatory Agencies

Judicial  
Law