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CHAPTER 302

SENATE BILL 1189

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 12-2203; RELATING TO EVIDENCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 13, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 12-2203, to read:

4 12-2203. Admissibility of expert opinion testimony

5 A. IN A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION, ONLY A QUALIFIED WITNESS MAY OFFER
6 EXPERT OPINION TESTIMONY REGARDING SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL OR OTHER SPECIALIZED
7 KNOWLEDGE AND THE TESTIMONY IS ADMISSIBLE IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT ALL OF
8 THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

9 1. THE WITNESS IS QUALIFIED TO OFFER AN OPINION AS AN EXPERT ON THE
10 SUBJECT MATTER BASED ON KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, EXPERIENCE, TRAINING OR EDUCATION.

11 2. THE OPINION WILL ASSIST THE TRIER OF FACT IN UNDERSTANDING THE
12 EVIDENCE OR DETERMINING A FACT IN ISSUE.

13 3. THE OPINION IS BASED ON SUFFICIENT FACTS AND DATA.

14 4. THE OPINION IS THE PRODUCT OF RELIABLE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS.

15 5. THE WITNESS RELIABLY APPLIES THE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS TO THE
16 FACTS OF THE CASE.

17 B. THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS, IF APPLICABLE, IN
18 DETERMINING WHETHER THE EXPERT TESTIMONY IS ADMISSIBLE PURSUANT TO
19 SUBSECTION A:

20 1. WHETHER THE EXPERT OPINION AND ITS BASIS HAVE BEEN OR CAN BE
21 TESTED.

22 2. WHETHER THE EXPERT OPINION AND ITS BASIS HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO
23 PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS.

24 3. THE KNOWN OR POTENTIAL RATE OF ERROR OF THE EXPERT OPINION AND ITS
25 BASIS.

26 4. THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE EXPERT OPINION AND ITS BASIS ARE GENERALLY
27 ACCEPTED IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 10, 2010.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 10, 2010.

Passed the House April 19, 2010,

by the following vote: 40 Ayes,

15 Nays, 5 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 1, 2010,

by the following vote: 20 Ayes,

8 Nays, 1 Not Voting

1 VACANT
[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR**

This Bill was received by the Governor this

_____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

_____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

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**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate April 28, 2010

by the following vote: 22

8 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Robert L. Brown
President of the Senate

Charmain Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

29 day of April, 20 10

at 9:40 o'clock A. M.

Linda Bendle
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 10 day of

May, 2010

at 11:10 o'clock A. M.

Janice K. Brewer
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 10th day of May, 20 10

at 4:10 o'clock P. M.

Ken Blumenthal
Secretary of State

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