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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCREENING OF NEWBORNS FOR L-CHAD AND SIMILAR PROTEIN DEFICIENCIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 19a-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The administrative officer or other person in charge of each
4 institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have administered
5 to every such infant in its care an HIV-related test, as defined in section
6 19a-581, a test for phenylketonuria, hypothyroidism, galactosemia,
7 sickle cell disease, maple syrup urine disease, homocystinuria,
8 biotinidase deficiency, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, l-chad (long-
9 chain 3-hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase) deficiency and similar
10 protein deficiencies and such other tests for inborn errors of
11 metabolism as shall be prescribed by the Department of Public Health.
12 The tests shall be administered as soon after birth as is medically
13 appropriate. If the mother has had an HIV-related test pursuant to
14 section 19a-90 or 19a-593, the person responsible for testing under this
15 section may omit an HIV-related test. The Commissioner of Public
16 Health shall (1) administer the newborn screening program, (2) direct

17 persons identified through the screening program to appropriate
18 specialty centers for treatments, consistent with any applicable
19 confidentiality requirements, and (3) set the fees to be charged to
20 institutions to cover all expenses of the comprehensive screening
21 program including testing, tracking and treatment. The commissioner
22 shall adopt regulations specifying the abnormal conditions to be tested
23 for and the manner of recording and reporting results.

24 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any infant whose
25 parents object to the test or treatment as being in conflict with their
26 religious tenets and practice.

PH *Joint Favorable*