



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5686

February Session, 2002

AN ACT REQUIRING THE SCREENING OF NEWBORNS FOR METABOLIC DISEASES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 19a-55 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (a) The administrative officer or other person in charge of each
5 institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have administered
6 to every such infant in its care an HIV-related test, as defined in section
7 19a-581, a test for phenylketonuria and other metabolic diseases,
8 hypothyroidism, galactosemia, sickle cell disease, maple syrup urine
9 disease, homocystinuria, biotinidase deficiency, congenital adrenal
10 hyperplasia and such other tests for inborn errors of metabolism as
11 shall be prescribed by the Department of Public Health. The tests shall
12 be administered as soon after birth as is medically appropriate. If the
13 mother has had an HIV-related test pursuant to section 19a-90 or 19a-
14 593, the person responsible for testing under this section may omit an
15 HIV-related test. The Commissioner of Public Health shall (1)
16 administer the newborn screening program, (2) direct persons
17 identified through the screening program to appropriate specialty
18 centers for treatments, consistent with any applicable confidentiality
19 requirements, and (3) set the fees to be charged to institutions to cover
20 all expenses of the comprehensive screening program including

21 testing, tracking and treatment. The fees to be charged pursuant to
22 subdivision (3) of this section shall be set at a minimum of thirty-five
23 dollars. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
24 chapter 54, specifying the abnormal conditions to be tested for and the
25 manner of recording and reporting results. On or before January 1,
26 2003, such regulations shall include requirements for testing for long-
27 chain 3-hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase (L-CHAD) and medium-
28 chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD).

29 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The Department of Public Health shall
30 purchase two tandem mass spectrometers to be used for screening
31 newborns for metabolic diseases.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

PH Joint Favorable Subst.

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