



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 162**

LCO No. 626

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT REQUIRING NEWBORN INFANT HEALTH SCREENING FOR  
CYSTIC FIBROSIS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-55 of the 2006 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

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, cystic  
8 fibrosis, hypothyroidism, galactosemia, sickle cell disease, maple syrup  
9 urine disease, homocystinuria, biotinidase deficiency, congenital  
10 adrenal hyperplasia 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 fees to be  
22 charged pursuant to subdivision (3) of this section shall be set at a  
23 minimum of twenty-eight dollars. The commissioner shall adopt  
24 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the  
25 provisions of this section. The Commissioner of Public Health shall  
26 publish a list of all the abnormal conditions for which the department  
27 screens newborns under the newborn screening program, which shall  
28 include screening for amino acid disorders, organic acid disorders and  
29 fatty acid oxidation disorders, including, but not limited to, long-chain  
30 3-hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase (L-CHAD) and medium-chain  
31 acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD).

32 (b) The provisions of this section [shall] do not apply to any infant  
33 whose parents object to the test or treatment as being in conflict with  
34 their religious tenets and practice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	19a-55

**Statement of Purpose:**

To add cystic fibrosis to the list of diseases for which newborns must be screened.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*