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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIV TESTING  
CONSENT LAW."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 19a-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

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

16 HIV-related test. The Commissioner of Public Health shall (1)  
17 administer the newborn screening program, (2) direct persons  
18 identified through the screening program to appropriate specialty  
19 centers for treatments, consistent with any applicable confidentiality  
20 requirements, and (3) set the fees to be charged to institutions to cover  
21 all expenses of the comprehensive screening program including  
22 testing, tracking and treatment. The fees to be charged pursuant to  
23 subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be set at a minimum of twenty-  
24 eight dollars. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
25 with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. The  
26 Commissioner of Public Health shall publish a list of all the abnormal  
27 conditions for which the department screens newborns under the  
28 newborn screening program, which shall include screening for amino  
29 acid disorders, organic acid disorders and fatty acid oxidation  
30 disorders, including, but not limited to, long-chain 3-hydroxyacyl CoA  
31 dehydrogenase (L-CHAD) and medium-chain acyl-CoA  
32 dehydrogenase (MCAD).

33 (b) In addition to the testing requirements prescribed in subsection  
34 (a) of this section, the administrative officer or other person in charge  
35 of each institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have  
36 administered to every such infant in its care a screening test for severe  
37 combined immunodeficiency disease. Such screening test shall be  
38 administered as soon after birth as is medically appropriate.

39 [(b)] (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any infant  
40 whose parents object to the test or treatment as being in conflict with  
41 their religious tenets and practice."