

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 9

Session of
1991

INTRODUCED BY HOLL, JANUARY 15, 1991

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, JANUARY 15, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251),
2 entitled "An act requiring physicians, hospitals and other
3 institutions to administer or cause to be administered tests
4 for phenylketonuria and other metabolic diseases upon infants
5 in certain cases," providing for tests for maple syrup urine
6 disease.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of September 9, 1965
10 (P.L.497, No.251), entitled "An act requiring physicians,
11 hospitals and other institutions to administer or cause to be
12 administered tests for phenylketonuria and other metabolic
13 diseases upon infants in certain cases," is amended to read:

14 Section 1. Every hospital or other institution caring for
15 newborn infants, or any physician having in his care newborn
16 infants shall administer or cause to be administered to every
17 such infant in its or his care a test for phenylketonuria and
18 maple syrup urine disease approved by the Advisory Health Board
19 of the State Department of Health and tests for such other

1 metabolic diseases of the newborn which may lead to mental
2 retardation or physical defects and which may be approved by
3 such Advisory Health Board. No such test shall be made if the
4 parent or guardian of the newborn child dissents on the ground
5 that the test conflicts with his religious beliefs or practices.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.