
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 922

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INTRODUCED BY DiCARLO, KELLY, DOMBROWSKI, E. Z. TAYLOR, BARBER,
BERLIN, LINCOLN, GALLAGHER, A. K. HUTCHINSON, OLIVER,
D. S. HAYES, BITTINGER AND BROWN, APRIL 20, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 20, 1977

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," to include a test for neonatal
6 hypothyroidism.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1, act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497,
10 No.251), entitled "An act requiring physicians, hospitals and
11 other institutions to administer or cause to be administered
12 tests for phenylketonuria and other metabolic diseases upon
13 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] caring
16 for newborn infants shall administer or cause to be administered
17 to every such infant [in its or his care] a test for
18 phenylketonuria and neonatal hypothyroidism approved by the
19 Advisory Health Board of the State Department of Health and

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

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.