

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1717 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY SAURMAN, TIGUE, NAHILL, ROBINSON, GIGLIOTTI,  
McHALE, FOX, TRELLO, MICHLOVIC, LAUGHLIN, GEIST, STISH,  
BISHOP, CIVERA, BUNT, WESTON AND KASUNIC, JUNE 19, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND AGING, JUNE 19, 1989

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," requiring a test for hearing impairment.

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

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

13 Section 1. Every hospital or other institution caring for  
14 newborn infants, or any physician having in his care newborn  
15 infants shall administer or cause to be administered to every  
16 such infant in its or his care a test for phenylketonuria  
17 approved by the Advisory Health Board of the State Department of  
18 Health a test for hearing impairment and tests for such other  
19 metabolic diseases of the newborn which may lead to mental

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

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.