

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, OCTOBER 5, 2005

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," further defining "disease"; and providing
6 for testing for severe combined immunodeficiency.

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

9 Section 1. The definition of "disease" in section 2 of the
10 act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn
11 Child Testing Act, added July 9, 1992 (P.L.398, No.86), is
12 amended to read:

13 Section 2. Definitions.--The following words and phrases
14 when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in
15 this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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17 "Disease." Diseases listed by the Department of Health by
18 regulation which lead to mental retardation or physical defects,
19 including, without limitation, Phenylketonuria (PKU), maple

1 syrup urine disease (MSUD) [and]_ sickle-cell disease
2 (hemoglobinopathies) and severe combined immunodeficiency
3 (SCID).

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5 Section 2. Section 3(b) of the act, added July 9, 1992
6 (P.L.398, No.86), is amended to read:

7 Section 3. Newborn Child Screening and Follow-up Program.--*

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9 (b) The department, with the approval of the board, shall
10 establish by regulation those diseases, in addition to
11 phenylketonuria (PKU), maple syrup urine disease (MSUD) [and]_
12 sickle-cell disease (hemoglobinopathies) and severe combined
13 immunodeficiency (SCID), for which newborn children shall be
14 tested and the methods for testing and disseminating test
15 results.

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17 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.