

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 6, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251),
 2 entitled, as amended, "An act requiring physicians, hospitals
 3 and other institutions to administer or cause to be
 4 administered tests for genetic diseases upon infants in
 5 certain cases," providing for Newborn Child Screening Program
 6 Account, for newborn child screening fee and for mandated
 7 screening and follow-up.

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

10 Section 1. The act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251),
 11 known as the Newborn Child Testing Act, is amended by adding
 12 sections to read:

13 Section 3.1. Newborn Child Screening Program Account.--(a)
 14 There is established a special restricted account within the
 15 State Treasury to be known as the Newborn Child Screening
 16 Program Account, which shall receive money from the fee
 17 established under section 3.2 and any other money from any
 18 source designated for deposit in the Newborn Child Screening
 19 Program Account.

20 (b) The fees deposited in the Newborn Child Screening

1 Program Account are hereby appropriated, upon approval of the
2 Governor, to the Department of Health to be used for the
3 screening of newborns, tracking screening outcomes, follow-up
4 services and referrals for treatment for up to the first year of
5 life as described in section 3 and support for medical foods for
6 females and males up to 18 years of age and for females over 18
7 years of age who are considering pregnancy.

8 (c) All earnings received from the investment or deposit of
9 the moneys in the Newborn Child Screening Program Account shall
10 be paid into the account for the purposes authorized by this
11 section.

12 (d) Any unexpended moneys and any interest earned on the
13 money in the Newborn Child Screening Program Account shall not
14 lapse to the General Fund, but shall remain in the account to be
15 used by the department for purposes specified in this section.

16 Section 3.2. Newborn Child Screening Fee.--(a) In order to
17 safeguard newborn health and appropriately fund the screening of
18 newborns, tracking of screening outcomes, follow-up services and
19 referrals for treatment, the department shall impose a fee on
20 birthing hospitals for each newborn child screened.

21 (b) The fee shall be deposited in the Newborn Child
22 Screening Program Account established in section 3.1.

23 (c) The amount of the fee shall be determined by the
24 department and published annually in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

25 Section 3.3. Mandated Screening and Follow-up.--Conditions
26 mandated for screenings and follow-up services shall include, at
27 a minimum, newborn conditions recommended by the Newborn
28 Screening and Follow-up Technical Advisory Board of the
29 department, after review and consideration of the Recommended
30 Uniform Screening Panel from the United States Department of

1 Health and Human Services.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.