

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 22, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

24 (c) The amount of the fee shall be determined by the
25 department and published annually in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. <--
26 SHALL NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE
27 ADMINISTRATIVE, LABORATORY AND FOLLOW-UP COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
28 THE PERFORMANCE OF SCREENING TESTS.

29 (D) THE FEE SHALL BE PUBLISHED ANNUALLY IN THE PENNSYLVANIA
30 BULLETIN.

1 Section 3.3. Mandated Screening and Follow-up.--Conditions
2 mandated for screenings and follow-up services shall include, at
3 a minimum, newborn conditions recommended by the Newborn
4 Screening and Follow-up Technical Advisory Board of the
5 department, after review and consideration of the Recommended
6 Uniform Screening Panel from the United States Department of
7 Health and Human Services.

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