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 SCHWEYER, MAHONEY, COHEN AND FARINA, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

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," further providing for newborn child screening  
 6 and follow-up program.

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

9 Section 1. Section 3(a)(1) of the act of September 9, 1965  
 10 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn Child Testing Act,  
 11 amended October 15, 2014 (P.L.2516, No.148), is amended to read:

12 Section 3. Newborn Child Screening and Follow-up Program.--

13 (a) In order to assist health care providers to determine  
 14 whether treatment or other services are necessary to avert  
 15 mental retardation, permanent disabilities or death, the  
 16 department, with the approval of the Newborn Screening and  
 17 Follow-up Technical Advisory Committee, shall establish a  
 18 program providing for:

19 (1) The screening tests of newborn children for the

1 following diseases:

2 (i) Phenylketonuria (PKU).

3 (ii) Maple syrup urine disease (MSUD).

4 (iii) Sickle-cell disease (hemoglobinopathies).

5 (iv) Galactosemia.

6 (v) Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH).

7 (vi) Primary congenital hypothyroidism.

8 (vii) Certain Lysosomal storage disorders (LSDs), including:

9 (A) Globoid Cell Leukodystrophy (Krabbe).

10 (B) Fabry.

11 (C) Pompe.

12 (D) Niemann-Pick.

13 (E) Gaucher.

14 (F) Hurler Syndrome (MPS I).

15 (viii) Severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID).

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