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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

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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 genetic diseases upon infants in certain cases," further  
5 providing for newborn child screening and follow-up program.

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

8 Section 1. Section 3(a)(2) introductory paragraph of the act  
9 of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn  
10 Child Testing Act, is amended and the subsection is amended by  
11 adding a paragraph 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:

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1     (1.1) The screening tests of newborn children, through red  
2 reflex and other appropriate testing, for the early detection of  
3 eye disorders, vision threats and potentially life-threatening  
4 vision abnormalities, including, but not limited to, the  
5 following:

6     (i) Cataracts.

7     (ii) Glaucoma.

8     (iii) Leukokoria or white pupillary reflex.

9     (iv) Retinoblastoma and other retinal abnormalities.

10    (v) Amblyopia.

11    (vi) Strabismus.

12    (vii) Systemic diseases with ocular manifestations and  
13 significant refractive errors.

14     (2) Follow-up services relating to case management,  
15 referrals, confirmatory testing, assessment and diagnosis of  
16 newborn children with abnormal, inconclusive or unacceptable  
17 screening test results for the conditions under paragraph (1.1)  
18 and the following diseases:

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