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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, DiGIROLAMO, YOUNGBLOOD, DRISCOLL, McNEILL
AND BULLOCK, MAY 8, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 8, 2017

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(d) of the act of September 9, 1965
10 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn Child Testing Act, is
11 amended to read:

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

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14 (d) (1) The department, with the approval of the Newborn
15 Screening and Follow-up Technical Advisory Committee, shall
16 [establish,] by periodic publication in the Pennsylvania
17 Bulletin[, changes to the lists under subsection (a)(1) and (2)
18 of those diseases for which newborn children shall be screened
19 and laboratory screening results reported.]:

20 (i) Add diseases to the lists under subsection (a)(1) and

1 (2) or remove diseases from the list under subsection (a)(2) for
2 which newborn children shall be screened and laboratory
3 screening results reported.

4 (ii) Move diseases established under subsection (a)(2) to
5 subsection (a)(1) for which newborn children shall be screened
6 and laboratory screening results reported.

7 (2) After January 1, 2017, the department may not move the
8 diseases in the list under subsection (a)(1)(vii) to subsection
9 (a)(2).

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11 Section 2. Any regulation or publication of the Department
12 of Health in the Pennsylvania Bulletin is abrogated to the
13 extent of any inconsistency with this act.

14 Section 3. This act shall apply retroactively to January 1,
15 2017.

16 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.