

HOUSE BILL 216

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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hereditary and Congenital Disorders – Newborn Screening**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene a
4 certain system for screening newborn infants for hereditary and congenital
5 disorders; establishing the Department's public health laboratory as the sole
6 laboratory authorized to perform the screening tests; requiring the Department
7 to establish protocols for obtaining specimens for testing; requiring the
8 Department to determine the screening tests to be performed; authorizing
9 postscreening testing by certain licensed laboratories under certain
10 circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to
11 delegate certain newborn screening under certain circumstances; requiring the
12 Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the
13 screening and evaluation of newborn infants for hereditary and congenital
14 disorders.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 13–111 and 13–112
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Health – General**

23 **13–111.**

24 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A COORDINATED STATEWIDE**
25 **SYSTEM FOR SCREENING ALL NEWBORN INFANTS IN THE STATE FOR CERTAIN**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 HEREDITARY AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERE
2 PROBLEMS OF HEALTH OR DEVELOPMENT, EXCEPT WHEN THE PARENT OR
3 GUARDIAN OF THE NEWBORN INFANT OBJECTS.

4 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 13-112 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE
5 DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY IS THE SOLE LABORATORY
6 AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM TESTS ON SPECIMENS FROM NEWBORN INFANTS
7 COLLECTED TO SCREEN FOR HEREDITARY AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS AS
8 DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (C) THE SYSTEM FOR NEWBORN SCREENING SHALL INCLUDE:

10 (1) LABORATORY TESTING AND THE REPORTING OF TEST
11 RESULTS; AND

12 (2) FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO FACILITATE THE RAPID
13 IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF AN AFFECTED CHILD.

14 (D) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
15 HEREDITARY AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

16 (1) ESTABLISH PROTOCOLS FOR A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO
17 OBTAIN AND DELIVER TEST SPECIMENS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC
18 HEALTH LABORATORY;

19 (2) DETERMINE THE SCREENING TESTS THAT THE
20 DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY IS REQUIRED TO PERFORM;

21 (3) MAINTAIN A COORDINATED STATEWIDE SYSTEM FOR
22 NEWBORN SCREENING THAT CARRIES OUT THE PURPOSE DESCRIBED IN
23 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION THAT INCLUDES:

24 (I) COMMUNICATING THE RESULTS OF SCREENING TESTS
25 TO THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OF THE NEW BORN INFANT;

26 (II) LOCATING NEWBORN INFANTS WITH ABNORMAL TEST
27 RESULTS;

28 (III) SHARING NEWBORN SCREENING INFORMATION
29 BETWEEN HOSPITALS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, TREATMENT CENTERS, AND
30 LABORATORY PERSONNEL; AND

1 (IV) DELIVERING NEEDED CLINICAL, DIAGNOSTIC, AND
2 TREATMENT INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, PARENTS, AND
3 CAREGIVERS; AND

4 (4) ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT SET FORTH THE STANDARDS AND
5 REQUIREMENTS FOR NEWBORN SCREENING FOR HEREDITARY AND
6 CONGENITAL DISORDERS THAT ARE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE,
7 INCLUDING:

8 (I) PERFORMING NEWBORN SCREENING TESTS;

9 (II) COORDINATING THE REPORTING, FOLLOW-UP, AND
10 TREATMENT ACTIVITIES WITH PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND HEALTH CARE
11 PROVIDERS; AND

12 (III) ESTABLISHING FEES FOR NEWBORN SCREENING THAT
13 DO NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE,
14 LABORATORY, AND FOLLOW-UP COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PERFORMANCE
15 OF SCREENING TESTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

16 **13-112.**

17 (A) THE SECRETARY MAY CONTRACT OR DELEGATE THE SCREENING
18 REQUIRED UNDER § 13-111 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ANOTHER ENTITY WITH THE
19 APPROVAL OF THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HEREDITARY AND
20 CONGENITAL DISORDERS.

21 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A LABORATORY
22 OTHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY MAY PERFORM
23 POSTSCREENING COMPLEMENTARY OR DIAGNOSTIC TESTS ON NEWBORN
24 INFANTS FOR HEREDITARY AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS.

25 (C) BEFORE OFFERING OR PERFORMING A POSTSCREENING TEST ON A
26 NEWBORN INFANT FOR HEREDITARY AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS UNDER
27 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, A LABORATORY SHALL:

28 (1) OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE
29 SECRETARY AS REQUIRED BY TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

30 (2) MEET ALL THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A
31 LABORATORY TO PERFORM TESTS ON NEWBORN INFANTS FOR HEREDITARY AND
32 CONGENITAL DISORDERS THAT ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2008.