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SENATE BILL 870

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR TESTING OF NEWBORN INFANTS  
FOR CONGENITAL, GENETIC AND METABOLIC DISORDERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public Health Act,  
Section 24-1-6.2 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"24-1-6.2. [NEW MATERIAL] NEWBORN TESTING-- CONGENITAL,  
GENETIC AND METABOLIC DISORDERS.--The department shall adopt  
rules to require testing of infants, born in health facilities  
licensed by the department, for congenital, genetic and  
metabolic disorders prior to being discharged from the  
facility. The rules shall also require testing of newborns  
brought to licensed health facilities after birth who have not  
received congenital, genetic and metabolic testing. Nothing in  
this section shall be construed to require testing of a newborn

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infant if the infant's parents object to the testing on grounds  
that it conflicts with their religious beliefs. "