HOUSE BILL 201

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT TO ADD FIVE ADDITIONAL DISEASES FOR WHICH TESTING IS REQUIRED FOR NEWBORNS.

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

Section 1. Section 24-1-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973, Chapter 359, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-1-6. TESTS REQUIRED FOR NEWBORN INFANTS.--

A. The department shall adopt screening tests for the detection of congenital diseases that shall be given to every newborn infant, except that, after being informed of the reasons for the tests, the parents or guardians of the newborn child may waive the requirements for the tests in writing. The screening tests shall include at a minimum:

(1) 3-methylcrotonyl-CoA deficiency;

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3-OH 3-CH3 glutaric aciduria;

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1	(24) sickle cell anemia;
2	(25) trifunctional protein deficiency;
3	(26) tyrosinemia type I; [and]
4	(27) very long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase
5	deficiency;
6	(28) acid maltase deficiency or glycogen
7	storage disease type II;
8	(29) globoid cell leukodystrophy;
9	(30) Gaucher's disease;
10	(31) Niemann-Pick disease; and
11	(32) Fabry disease.
12	B. In determining which other congenital diseases
13	to screen for, the secretary shall consider the recommendations
14	of the New Mexico pediatrics society of the American academy of
15	pediatrics.
16	C. The department shall institute and carry on such
17	laboratory services or may contract with another agency or
18	entity to provide such services as are necessary to detect the
19	presence of congenital diseases.
20	D. The department shall, as necessary, carry on an
21	educational program among physicians, hospitals, public health
22	nurses and the public concerning congenital diseases.
23	E. The department shall require that all hospitals
24	or institutions having facilities for childbirth perform or
25	have performed screening tests for congenital diseases on all

newborn infants except if the parents or guardians of a child object to the tests in writing."

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