

HOUSE BILL NO. 601

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PULSE OXIMETRY SCREENINGS FOR NEWBORNS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Pulse oximetry screening for newborns. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a birthing facility shall perform a pulse oximetry screening on each newborn in its care prior to discharging the newborn from the birthing facility.

(2) A birthing facility may not perform a pulse oximetry screening on a newborn if a parent or guardian declines in writing to have the screening performed on the newborn.

(3) The department shall contract with one or more entities to provide training to birthing facilities on procedures for performing pulse oximetry screenings.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the term "birthing facility" means an inpatient or ambulatory health care facility that is licensed by the department and that provides birthing and newborn care services.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. (1) There is appropriated from the state general fund to the department of public health and human services \$5,000 in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2013.

(2) The appropriation must be used to pay for training regarding pulse oximetry screenings for newborns as provided in [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 50, chapter 19, part 2, and the provisions of Title 50, chapter 19, part 2, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Applicability. [This act] applies to newborns who are born on or after



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