
SENATE BILL 5829

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1 AN ACT Relating to screening newborn infants for congenital
2 cytomegalovirus; and amending RCW 70.83.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.83.020 and 2014 c 18 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It shall be the duty of the department of health to require
7 screening tests of all newborn infants born in any setting. Each
8 hospital or health care provider attending a birth outside of a
9 hospital shall collect and submit a sample blood specimen for all
10 newborns no more than (~~forty-eight~~) 48 hours following birth. The
11 department of health shall conduct screening tests of samples for the
12 detection of phenylketonuria and other heritable or metabolic
13 disorders leading to intellectual disabilities or physical defects as
14 defined by the state board of health: PROVIDED, That no such tests
15 shall be given to any newborn infant whose parents or guardian object
16 thereto on the grounds that such tests conflict with their religious
17 tenets and practices.

18 (2) The sample required in subsection (1) of this section must be
19 received by the department (~~(of health)~~) of health within
20 (~~seventy-two~~) 72 hours of the collection of the sample, excluding
21 any day that the Washington state public health laboratory is closed.

1 (3) (a) The department of health may conduct screening tests of
2 the sample required in subsection (1) of this section for congenital
3 cytomegalovirus if the department has obtained informed consent from
4 the parents or guardians of the newborn infant for this optional
5 testing. This testing may only occur after all tests required by the
6 department in rule are complete.

7 (b) The department shall design, prepare, and make available
8 written material to inform health care providers and parents or
9 guardians of newborn infants about the nature and consequences of
10 congenital cytomegalovirus.

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