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ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 72

(By Mr. Wise)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections one, two and three, article twenty-two, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the detection and control of phenylketonuria and hypothyroidism in newborn children; adding galactosemia.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections one, two and three, article twenty-two, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 22. DETECTION AND CONTROL OF PHENYLKETONURIA, GALACTOSEMIA, AND HYPOTHYROIDISM IN NEWBORN CHILDREN.

§16-22-1. Findings.

1 The Legislature finds that phenylketonuria, galactosemia and hypothyroidism, genetic defects affecting body metabolism, are usually associated with mental retardation. Laboratory tests are readily available to aid in the detection of these diseases and the hazards to health of those suffering thereof may be lessened or prevented by early detection and treatment. Damage from these diseases, if untreated in the early months of life, is usually rapid and not appreciably affected by treatment.

§16-22-2. Program to combat mental retardation; rules and regulations; facilities for making tests.

1 The state department of health is hereby authorized to establish and carry out a program designed to combat
mental retardation in our state's population due to phenyl-
ketonuria, galactosemia and hypothyroidism, and may
adopt reasonable rules and regulations necessary to carry
out such a program. The department of health shall
establish and maintain facilities at its state hygienic
laboratory for testing specimens for the detection of
phenylketonuria, galactosemia and hypothyroidism.
Tests shall be made by such laboratory of specimens upon
request by physicians, hospital medical personnel and
other individuals attending newborn infants. The state
department of health is authorized to establish additional
laboratories throughout the state to perform tests for the
detection of phenylketonuria, galactosemia and hypo-
thyroidism.

§16-22-3. Tests for phenylketonuria, galactosemia and hypothyroidism; reports; assistance to afflicted children.
The physician attending a newborn child or any person
attending a newborn child not under the care of a phy-
sician shall cause to be made a test for phenylketonuria,
galactosemia and hypothyroidism approved by the state
department of health. Any test found positive for phenyl-
ketonuria, galactosemia or hypothyroidism shall be
promptly reported to the state department of health by
the director of the laboratory performing such test.
The state department of health, in cooperation with
other state departments and agencies, and with attending
physicians, is authorized to provide medical, dietary and
related assistance to children determined to be afflicted
with phenylketonuria, galactosemia or hypothyroidism.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 29th day of March, 1982.

Governor