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1            AN ACT Relating to newborn screening fees; amending RCW 70.83.040;  
2 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.83.040 and 2005 c 518 s 938 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            When notified of positive screening tests, the state department of  
7 health shall offer the use of its services and facilities, designed to  
8 prevent mental retardation or physical defects in such children, to the  
9 attending physician, or the parents of the newborn child if no  
10 attending physician can be identified.

11            The services and facilities of the department, and other state and  
12 local agencies cooperating with the department in carrying out programs  
13 of detection and prevention of mental retardation and physical defects  
14 shall be made available to the family and physician to the extent  
15 required in order to carry out the intent of this chapter and within  
16 the availability of funds. The department has the authority to collect  
17 a ((reasonable)) fee of sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents, from the  
18 parents or other responsible party of each infant screened to fund  
19 specialty clinics that provide treatment services for hemoglobin

1 diseases, phenylketonuria, and congenital adrenal hyperplasia(  
2 ~~congenital hypothyroidism, and, during the 2005-07 fiscal biennium,~~  
3 ~~other disorders defined by the board of health under RCW 70.83.020~~)).  
4 The fee may be collected through the facility where the screening  
5 specimen is obtained.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
8 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
9 July 1, 2007.

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