
HOUSE BILL 3074

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By Representatives McCoy, Appleton, Kessler, and Santos

Read first time 01/22/10. Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

1 AN ACT Relating to premature infants; and creating a new section.

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

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** By December 1, 2010, the department of
4 health shall:

5 (1) Examine and improve hospital discharge and follow-up care
6 procedures for premature infants born earlier than thirty-seven weeks
7 gestational age to promote standardized and coordinated processes as
8 premature infants leave the hospital from either a level 1 well baby
9 nursery, level 2 step down or transitional nursery, or level 3 neonatal
10 intensive care unit and transition to follow-up care by a health care
11 provider in the community;

12 (2) Use guidance from the centers for medicare and medicaid
13 services' neonatal outcomes improvement project to implement programs
14 to improve newborn outcomes, reduce newborn health costs, and establish
15 ongoing quality improvement for newborns; and

16 (3) Report data regarding the incidence and cause of
17 rehospitalization in the first six months of life for infants born

1 premature at earlier than thirty-seven weeks gestational age to the
2 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives.

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