

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2544**

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2014 Regular Session

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Yeas 93 Nays 5

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2544** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Riccelli, Holy, Bergquist, Ormsby, Manweller, Christian, Green, Pettigrew, and Kretz)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/14.

1            AN ACT Relating to newborn screening; amending RCW 70.83.020;  
2 adding new sections to chapter 70.83 RCW; and providing an expiration  
3 date.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.83.020 and 2010 c 94 s 18 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

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

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

5       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 70.83 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       In each instance in which the department of health notifies the  
8 infant's attending health care provider that the infant's screening  
9 test indicates a suspicion of abnormality, which may include an  
10 inadequate collection of a sample blood specimen, that requires further  
11 diagnostic evaluation, the attending health care provider shall notify  
12 the department of health of the date upon which the screening test  
13 results were disclosed by the attending health care provider to the  
14 parents or guardian of the infant.

15       NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 70.83 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17       The department of health shall compile an annual report for public  
18 distribution regarding the compliance rate of hospitals at meeting the  
19 deadlines established under RCW 70.83.020 for newborn screenings. The  
20 report must include information related to the performance of each  
21 individual hospital. The annual report must also include information  
22 about the extent to which health care providers are promptly informing  
23 parents and guardians about infant screening tests that indicate a  
24 suspicion of abnormality that requires further diagnostic evaluation.  
25 The report must be made available in a format that does not disclose  
26 any identifying information related to any infant, parent, or guardian,  
27 or health care provider. The report must be posted in an accessible  
28 location on the department of health's web site.

29       NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this act expire January  
30 1, 2020.

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