

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

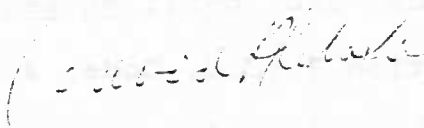
NOTICE

D.C. LAW 6-13

"District of Columbia Newborn Screening Requirement Act of 1979 Amendments Act of 1985".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 6-46 on first and second readings, April 30, 1985, and May 14, 1985, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on May 30, 1985, this legislation was assigned Act No. 6-27, published in the June 14, 1985, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 32 page 3235) and transmitted to Congress on June 5, 1985 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 6-13, effective July 25, 1985.

  
DAVID A. CLARKE  
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

June 5,6,7,10,11,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,21,24,25,26,27

July 8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,22,23,24

D.C. ACT 6 - 27

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MAY 30 1985

To amend the District of Columbia Newborn Screening Requirement Act of 1979 to add galactosemia, homocystinuria, maple syrup urine disease, and sickle hemoglobinopathy to the list of metabolic disorders for which neonatal screening must be made available by all hospitals and maternity centers in the District of Columbia, to make the assumption of screening costs by the District of Columbia government contingent upon indigency, and to make the assumption of follow-up testing and treatment costs by the District of Columbia government contingent upon both indigency and residency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Newborn Screening Requirement Act of 1979 Amendments Act of 1985".

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Newborn Screening Requirement Act of 1979, effective April 29, 1980 (D.C. Law 3-65; D.C. Code, sec. 6-311 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 3 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-312) is amended by adding new subsections (e) through (i) to read as follows:

D.C. Code, sec. 6-312 (1986 supp)

"(e) The term 'homocystinuria' means a condition resulting from one of several genetically determined errors of methionine metabolism.

"(f) The term 'galactosemia' means a condition involving the inability to convert galactose to glucose.

"(g) The term 'maple syrup urine disease' means a

condition resulting from the impairment of branched chain alpha-ketoacid dehydrogenase.

"(h) The term 'sickle hemoglobinopathy' means a condition in which a mutation in the hemoglobin results in abnormally shaped red blood cells that obstruct normal circulation and cause inadequate oxygenation of the body's tissues and vital organs. The term 'sickle hemoglobinopathy' includes sickle cell anemia (homozygous sickle cell disease), sickle cell hemoglobin C disease, and sickle cell beta thalassemia.

"(i) The terms 'hospital' and 'maternity center' mean those terms as they are defined in section 2(a)(1)-(2) of the Health-Care and Community Residence Facility, Hospice and Home Care Licensure Act of 1983, effective February 24, 1984 (D.C. Law 5-48; D.C. Code, sec. 32-1301(a)(1)-(2))."

(b) Section 4 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-313) is amended as follows:

D.C. Code,  
sec. 6-313  
(1986 supp.)

(1) Subsection (a) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) Each hospital and maternity center in the District of Columbia shall make available to every newborn delivered or cared for at that hospital or maternity center blood tests to screen for galactosemia, homocystinuria, hypothyroidism, maple syrup urine disease, PKU, and sickle hemoglobinopathy. Each hospital and maternity center shall inform the parent(s) of the availability of these tests and shall, unless parental consent is withheld under section 5(c) or an identical test has already been performed, take appropriate blood samples for analysis by a laboratory

designated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The Mayor may, upon the advice of the Committee on Metabolic Disorders, issue rules pursuant to title 1 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Code, sec. 1-1501 et seq.), requiring that hospitals and maternity centers make screening tests available for additional metabolic disorders.";

(2) Subsection (b) is amended by:

(A) Striking the word "single" before the word "laboratory" in the first sentence; and

(B) Striking the phrase "The designated laboratory" at the beginning of the second sentence and inserting the phrase "A designated laboratory" in its place; and

(3) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows:

"(c) All test results shall be forwarded to the hospital or maternity center where the blood sample was taken. In addition, all positive test results shall be forwarded to the parent(s) and a physician designated by the District of Columbia government. This physician shall assist the parent(s) and the mother's physician (if she has one) in securing follow-up testing and treatment when appropriate."

(c) Section 7 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-316) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (d) is amended to read as follows:

"(d) Reevaluate on a continuing basis the need for and

efficacy of newborn screening tests for galactosemia, homocystinuria, hypothyroidism, maple syrup urine disease, PKU, and sickle hemoglobinopathy;" and

(2) Subsection (i) is amended to read as follows:

"(i) Recommend to the Mayor a laboratory or laboratories for designation under section 4(b)."

(d) Section 9 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-318) is amended to read as follows:

D.C. Code,  
sec. 6-318  
(1986 supp.)

"Sec. 9. Assumption of costs by District government.

"If a newborn's parents are indigent, the government of the District of Columbia shall pay all costs related to screening under this act. If a newborn's parents are indigent and the child's residence is in the District of Columbia, the government of the District of Columbia shall pay any subsequent costs for follow-up testing and treatment. The Mayor shall define 'indigency' under this section and may establish a sliding scale of partial payment by the District of Columbia government based on the parents' reasonable ability to pay some of the costs."

(e) Section 10 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-319) is amended by striking the phrase ", including treatment when the parent is unable to pay for it".

D.C. Code,  
sec. 6-319  
(1986 supp.)

Sec. 3. Effective date; applicability delayed.

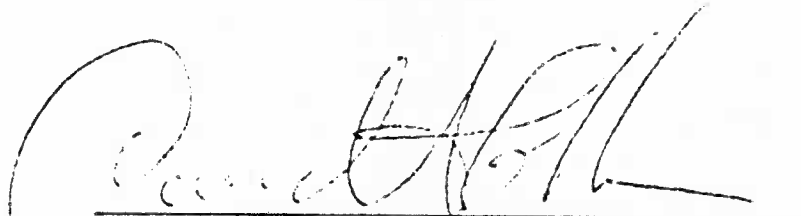
(a) This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental

Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat.

813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-233(c)(1)).

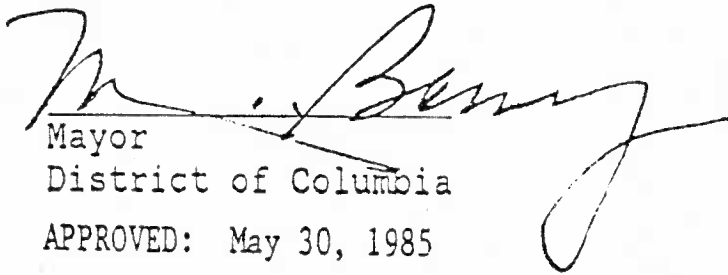
(b) The applicability of this act shall be delayed until January 1, 1986.

Note,  
D.C. Code  
secs. 6-3  
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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia



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Mayor  
District of Columbia  
APPROVED: May 30, 1985



# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Council Period Six — First Session

### RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE

DOCKET NO: B 6-46 Item on Consent Calendar ACTION & DATE: Adopted First Reading, 4-30-85 VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

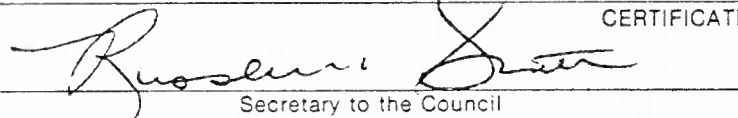
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Absent: Crawford ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT \_\_\_\_\_

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CRAWFORD					ROLARK					WILSON				
JARVIS					SCHWARTZ					WINTER				
KANE					SHACKLETON									
MASON					SMITH, JR.									

X — Indicates Vote      A.B. — Absent      N.V. — Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD

  
Secretary to the Council

5/17/85  
Date

 Item on Consent Calendar ACTION & DATE: Adopted Final Reading, 5-14-85 VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

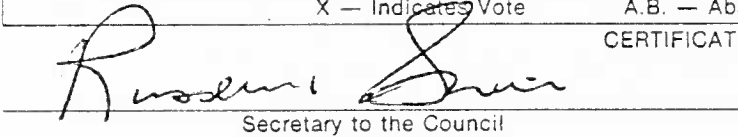
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Absent: all present ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT \_\_\_\_\_

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Recorded vote on request

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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