

ORIGINAL SENATE  
FILE NO. 0037

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ENROLLED ACT NO. 9, SENATE

FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
1999 SESSION

AN ACT relating to newborn screening; requiring screening for hearing defects in newborns as specified; authorizing exemption from examinations as specified; requiring promulgation of rules and regulations for implementation of a newborn screening program; requiring report by the department of health on the newborn screening program; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 35-4-801(a) and (c) and 35-4-802(a)(ii) are amended to read:

ARTICLE 8  
NEWBORN SCREENING

**35-4-801. Screening required for detection of metabolic diseases and hearing defects in newborn children; conduct of screening; exceptions.**

(a) Every child born in the state of Wyoming, within three (3) to five (5) days for ~~normal~~-full term children and five (5) to eight (8) days for premature children following birth unless a different time period is medically indicated, shall be given medical examinations for detection of remedial inborn errors of metabolism and for detection of major hearing defects. The screening shall be conducted in accordance with accepted medical practices and in the manner prescribed by the state department of health.

(c) Informed consent of parents shall be obtained and if any parent or guardian of a child objects to ~~the~~-a mandatory examination the child is exempt from subsection (a) of this section.

**35-4-802. Rules and regulations.**

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(a) The state department of health shall make all rules and regulations necessary for:

(ii) Implementation of W.S. 35-4-801, as amended,  
not later than July 1, ~~1980~~-1999.

**Section 2.**

(a) By November 1, 2000, the department of health shall provide the joint labor, health and social services interim committee a report on the implementation of the newborn hearing screening program. The state health officer may require reporting as necessary for this report from health care providers. The report shall include:

(i) The number of screenings conducted compared to the number of live births;

(ii) The number of serious defects detected;

(iii) The number of cases of serious defects where an effective remedial program was started within six (6) months of birth.

(b) If either the number of screenings is significantly less than the number of live births without good medical cause or there are cases where an effective remedial program was not started within six (6) months of birth without good medical cause, the report shall include a recommendation for any corrective action needed, including any legislative action.

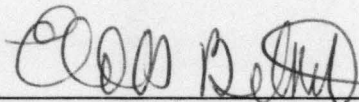
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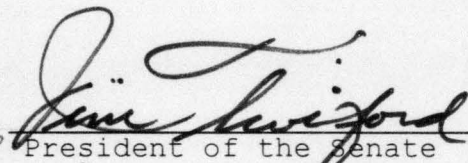
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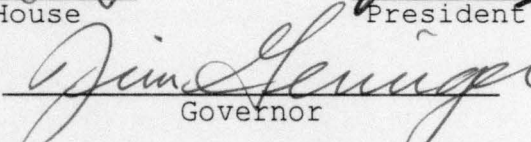
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**Section 3.** This act is effective April 1, 1999.

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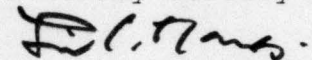
  
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I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

  
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Chief Clerk

