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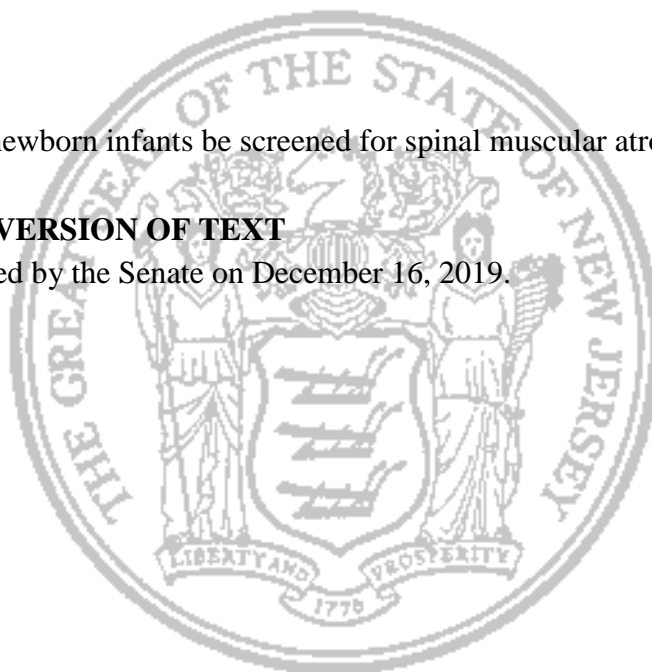
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and Assemblyman Mejia**

SYNOPSIS

Requires newborn infants be screened for spinal muscular atrophy.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on December 16, 2019.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/14/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning screening newborn infants for spinal muscular
2 atrophy and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. Each infant born in this State shall be tested for the
8 genetic mutations associated with spinal muscular atrophy.

9 b. The Commissioner of Health shall develop a comprehensive
10 program of follow-up services and procedures in the event a
11 newborn tests positive for one or more genetic markers associated
12 with spinal muscular atrophy, which services and procedures shall
13 include, at a minimum:

14 (1) genetic counseling for the parents of the newborn concerning
15 the risk that one or both parents is a carrier of the genetic mutation
16 associated with spinal muscular atrophy, and the risk that other
17 children born to the parents may carry the mutation, pass it on to
18 their own offspring, or may be born with spinal muscular atrophy;
19 and

20 (2) information concerning available treatment options for
21 spinal muscular atrophy.

22 c. The Department of Health may charge a reasonable fee to
23 administer tests performed pursuant to this section. The amount of
24 the fee and the procedures for collecting the fee shall be determined
25 by the Commissioner of Health.

26 d. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
27 regulations, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
28 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the
29 purposes of this section.

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31 2. This act shall take effect on the ¹**【90th day after】** first day of
32 the seventh month next following¹ the date of enactment, except
33 that the Commissioner of Health shall take any anticipatory
34 administrative action in advance thereof as may be necessary to
35 implement the provisions of this act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted December 16, 2019.