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 <u>D.C. Register</u>, (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

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

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D.C. ACT 6 - 27

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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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:
- "(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

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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:
 - (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

D.C. Códe, sec. 6-313 (1986 supp. 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

D.C. Code; sec. 6-316 (1986 supp 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:

"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".
 - 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)(l) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental

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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.

D.C. Code secs. 6-3 -313, -31 -318, & -(1986 sup

Note,

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor

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APPROVED: May 30, 1985



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