

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4953

September 12, 2019, Introduced by Rep. Hertel and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 5431 (MCL 333.5431), as amended by 2002 PA 691.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 5431. (1) A health professional in charge of the care of  
2 a newborn infant or, if none, the health professional in charge at  
3 the birth of an infant shall administer or cause to be administered  
4 to the infant a test for each of the following:

5           (a) Phenylketonuria.

6           (b) Galactosemia.



- 1 (c) Hypothyroidism.  
2 (d) Maple syrup urine disease.  
3 (e) Biotinidase deficiency.  
4 (f) Sickle cell anemia.  
5 (g) Congenital adrenal hyperplasia.  
6 (h) Medium-chain acyl-coenzyme A dehydrogenase deficiency.  
7 **(i) Krabbe disease.**  
8 **(j) ~~(i)~~**—Other treatable but otherwise disabling conditions as  
9 designated by the department.

10 (2) The informed consent requirements of sections 17020 and  
11 17520 do not apply to the tests required under subsection (1). The  
12 tests required under subsection (1) ~~shall~~**must** be administered and  
13 reported within a time and under conditions prescribed by the  
14 department. The department may require that the tests be performed  
15 by the department.

16 (3) If the results of a test administered under subsection (1)  
17 are positive, the results ~~shall~~**must** be reported to the infant's  
18 parents, guardian, or person in loco parentis. A person is in  
19 compliance with this subsection if the person makes a ~~good-faith~~  
20 **good-faith** effort to report the positive test results to the  
21 infant's parents, guardian, or person in loco parentis.

22 (4) Subject to the annual adjustment required under this  
23 subsection and subject to subsection (6), if the department  
24 performs 1 or more of the tests required under subsection (1), the  
25 department may charge a fee for the tests of not more than \$53.71.  
26 The department shall adjust the amount prescribed by this  
27 subsection annually by an amount determined by the state treasurer  
28 to reflect the cumulative annual percentage change in the Detroit  
29 ~~consumer price index.~~ **Consumer Price Index.** As used in this



1 subsection, "~~Detroit consumer price index~~" **Consumer Price Index**  
2 means the most comprehensive index of consumer prices available for  
3 the Detroit area from the ~~bureau of labor statistics~~ **Bureau of**  
4 **Labor Statistics** of the United States ~~department of~~  
5 ~~labor~~ **Department of Labor**.

6 (5) A person who violates this section or a rule promulgated  
7 under this part is guilty of a misdemeanor.

8 (6) The department shall provide for a hardship waiver of the  
9 fee authorized under subsection (4) under circumstances found  
10 appropriate by the department.

11 (7) The department shall do all of the following in regard to  
12 the blood specimens taken for purposes of conducting the tests  
13 required under subsection (1):

14 (a) By April 1, 2000, develop a schedule for the retention and  
15 disposal of the blood specimens used for the tests after the tests  
16 are completed. The schedule ~~shall~~ **must** meet at least all of the  
17 following requirements:

18 (i) Be consistent with nationally recognized standards for  
19 laboratory accreditation and federal law.

20 (ii) Require that the disposal be conducted in compliance with  
21 section 13811.

22 (iii) Require that the disposal be conducted in the presence of  
23 a witness. For purposes of this subparagraph, the witness may be an  
24 individual involved in the disposal or any other individual.

25 (iv) Require that a written record of the disposal be made and  
26 kept, and that the witness required under subparagraph (iii) signs  
27 the record.

28 (b) Allow the blood specimens to be used for medical research  
29 during the retention period established under subdivision (a), as



1 long as the medical research is conducted in a manner that  
2 preserves the confidentiality of the test subjects and is  
3 consistent to protect human subjects from research risks under  
4 ~~subpart A of part 46 of subchapter A of title 45 of the code of~~  
5 ~~federal regulations.~~ **45 CFR 46.101 to 46.124.**

6 (8) The department shall rewrite its pamphlet explaining the  
7 requirements of this section when the supply of pamphlets in  
8 existence on March 15, 2000 is exhausted. When the department  
9 rewrites the explanatory pamphlet, it shall include at least all of  
10 the following information in the pamphlet:

11 (a) The nature and purpose of the testing program required  
12 under this section, including, but not limited to, a brief  
13 description of each condition or disorder listed in subsection (1).

14 (b) The purpose and value of the infant's parent, guardian, or  
15 person in loco parentis retaining a blood specimen obtained under  
16 subsection (9) in a safe place.

17 (c) The department's schedule for retaining and disposing of  
18 blood specimens developed under subsection (7) (a).

19 (d) That the blood specimens taken for purposes of conducting  
20 the tests required under subsection (1) may be used for medical  
21 research ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsection (7) (b).

22 (9) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1), the  
23 health professional described in subsection (1) or the hospital or  
24 other facility in which the birth of an infant takes place, or  
25 both, may offer to draw an additional blood specimen from the  
26 infant. If such an offer is made, it ~~shall~~ **must** be made to the  
27 infant's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis at the time  
28 the blood specimens are drawn for purposes of subsection (1). If  
29 the infant's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis accepts



1 the offer of an additional blood specimen, the blood specimen ~~shall~~  
2 **must** be preserved in a manner that does not require special storage  
3 conditions or techniques, including, but not limited to,  
4 lamination. The health professional or hospital or other facility  
5 employee making the offer shall explain to the parent, guardian, or  
6 person in loco parentis at the time the offer is made that the  
7 additional blood specimen can be used for future identification  
8 purposes and should be kept in a safe place. The health  
9 professional or hospital or other facility making the offer may  
10 charge a fee that is not more than the actual cost of obtaining and  
11 preserving the additional blood specimen.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
13 after the date it is enacted into law.

