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Referred: Health, Welfare
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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FRITE, BELFORD
AND BRADNER

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 73

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the disease Phenylketonuria; and
7 providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 18.15.200 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 ARTICLE 6. PHENYLKETONURIA.

11 Sec. 18.15.200. SCREENING INFANTS FOR PHENYLKETONURIA. (a) A
12 licensed physician, or in his absence, a licensed graduate nurse, who
13 attends a newborn infant through the first three months of life shall
14 test the infant for phenylketonuria (PKU) by use of a screening test
15 approved by the commissioner of the Department of Health and Welfare.

16 (b) A physician, or in his absence, a licensed graduate nurse,
17 shall report a confirmed case of phenylketonuria to the Department of
18 Health and Welfare.

19 (c) In this section, "physician" means a doctor of medicine
20 licensed to practice medicine in this state, or an officer in the
21 regular medical service of the armed forces of the United States or
22 the United States Public Health Service assigned to duty in this state.

23 (d) On request the laboratory tests approved by the commissioner
24 of the Department of Health and Welfare shall be performed without
25 charge at one of the Department of Health and Welfare laboratories.
26 On request from a licensed physician, nurse or hospital in this state,
27 the Department of Health and Welfare shall provide necessary test
28 materials, reporting forms, and mailing cartons for the screening
29 tests.

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(e) When presumptive positive screening tests have been reported to the Department of Health and Welfare, it shall provide on request either the true blood phenylalanine test or will subsidise the performance of this test at an approved laboratory.

(f) A licensed physician or licensed nurse attending a newborn or an infant under three months of age who violates (a) or (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. However, a person attending a newborn or infant under three months of age whose request for appropriate specimens from the newborn or infant is denied by the parent or guardian is not guilty of a misdemeanor.

* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1967.