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HOUSE BILL 2305*

Short Title: Increase Newborn Screening Fee. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives England; Alexander, Coleman, Faison, Glazier, and Harrison.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Finance.

May 21, 2008

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NEWBORN SCREENING FEE.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 130A-125 reads as rewritten:
5 **"§ 130A-125. Screening of newborns for metabolic and other hereditary and**
6 **congenital disorders.**

7 (a) The Department shall establish and administer a Newborn Screening
8 Program. The program shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- 9 (1) Development and distribution of educational materials regarding the
10 availability and benefits of newborn screening.
11 (2) Provision of laboratory testing.
12 (3) Development of follow-up protocols to assure early treatment for
13 identified children, and the provision of genetic counseling and
14 support services for the families of identified children.
15 (4) Provision of necessary dietary treatment products or medications for
16 identified children as medically indicated and when not otherwise
17 available.
18 (5) For each newborn, provision of physiological screening in each ear for
19 the presence of permanent hearing loss.

20 (b) The Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement the Newborn
21 Screening Program. The rules shall include, but shall not be limited to, the conditions
22 for which screening shall be required, provided that screening shall not be required
23 when the parents or the guardian of the infant object to such screening. If the parents or
24 guardian object to the screening, the objection shall be presented in writing to the
25 physician or other person responsible for administering the test, who shall place the
26 written objection in the infant's medical record.

1 (b1) The Commission for Public Health shall adopt temporary and permanent
2 rules to include newborn hearing screening in the Newborn Screening Program
3 established under this section.

4 (c) A fee of ~~fourteen dollars (\$14.00)~~seventeen dollars and forty-five cents
5 (\$17.45) applies to a laboratory test performed by the State ~~Public Health Laboratory of~~
6 Public Health performed pursuant to this section. Fees collected shall remain in the
7 Department to be used to offset the cost of the Newborn Screening Program."

8 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.