**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44-37-30(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NEONATAL TESTING OF CHILDREN, TO PROVIDE THAT, AT THE SAME TIME INFORMATION IS RELEASED TO A CHILD’S PHYSICIAN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REFER CHILDREN WITH METABOLIC, GENETIC, OR CONGENITAL DISORDERS TO A QUALIFIED SPECIALIST FOR FOLLOW-UP SERVICES, INCLUDING TREATMENT, COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 44-37-30(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B)(1) Information obtained as a result of the tests conducted pursuant to this section is confidential and may be released only to a parent or legal guardian of the child, the child's physician, and the child when eighteen years of age or older when requested on a form promulgated in regulation by the department.

(2) At the same time information is released to the child’s physician, the department shall refer children with metabolic, genetic, or congenital disorders to a qualified specialist for follow-up services, including treatment, counseling, and education.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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