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H. F. No. 3008

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring screening of newborns for critical congenital heart
1.3 disease; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. [144.1251] NEWBORN SCREENING FOR CRITICAL CONGENITAL
1.6 HEART DISEASE.

1.7 (a) Each licensed hospital or state-licensed birthing center or facility that provides
1.8 maternity and newborn care services shall provide screening for critical congenital heart
1.9 disease (CCHD) to all newborns prior to discharge using pulse oximetry screening or other
1.10 appropriate screening protocols for CCHD as established by the Minnesota Department of
1.11 Health. This screening must be done no sooner than 24 hours after birth, unless earlier
1.12 screening is deemed clinically appropriate, but always prior to discharge from the nursery.
1.13 If discharge or transport of the newborn occurs prior to 24 hours after birth, screening
1.14 must occur as close as possible to the time of discharge or transport. For premature infants
1.15 who are less than 36 weeks of gestation and newborns admitted to a higher level nursery
1.16 such as special care or intensive care, screening must be performed when medically
1.17 appropriate prior to discharge. Any newborn that fails the screening must be referred
1.18 to a licensed physician who shall arrange follow-up diagnostic testing and medically
1.19 appropriate treatment prior to discharge from the hospital.
1.20 (b) The commissioner shall adopt any necessary rules to implement the requirements
1.21 in this section.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 2.2 Screening shall take effect 180 days following final enactment or by December 31, 2012,
- 2.3 whichever is sooner.