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By Representatives Jones and Braddock.

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1 AN ACT Relating to screening tests for hereditary diseases; and
2 amending RCW 70.83.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.83.020 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 27 s 1 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 It shall be the duty of the department of ((social and health
7 services)) health to require screening tests of all newborn infants
8 before they are discharged from the hospital for the detection of
9 phenylketonuria, galactosemia, and other heritable or metabolic
10 disorders leading to mental retardation or physical defects as defined
11 by the state board of health: PROVIDED, That no such tests shall be
12 given to any newborn infant whose parents or guardian object thereto on
13 the grounds that such tests conflict with their religious tenets and
14 practices.