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1 AN ACT Relating to screening tests of newborn infants; and amending  
2 RCW 70.83.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.83.020 and 1991 c 3 s 348 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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