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By Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Prentice and Winsley; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to newborn screening fees; and amending RCW  
2 70.83.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.83.040 and 1991 c 3 s 350 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 When notified of positive screening tests, the state department of  
7 health shall offer the use of its services and facilities, designed to  
8 prevent mental retardation or physical defects in such children, to the  
9 attending physician, or the parents of the newborn child if no  
10 attending physician can be identified.

11 The services and facilities of the department, and other state and  
12 local agencies cooperating with the department in carrying out programs  
13 of detection and prevention of mental retardation and physical defects  
14 shall be made available to the family and physician to the extent  
15 required in order to carry out the intent of this chapter and within  
16 the availability of funds. The department has the authority to collect  
17 a reasonable fee, from the parents or other responsible party of each  
18 infant screened, for supplying services under this section. The fee

- 1 may be collected through the facility where the screening specimen is
- 2 obtained.

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