Pulse Oximetry Screening of Newborns

This Act directs the state commissioner of health and senior services to require each birthing facility licensed by the department of health and senior services to perform a pulse oximetry screening, a minimum of 24 hours after birth, on every newborn in its care.

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Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

Section 1. [Short Title.] An Act concerning pulse oximetry screening of newborns.

Section 2. [Findings.]

Section 3. [Birthing facilities required to perform pulse oximetry screening; rules, regulations.]

(A) The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall require each birthing facility licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services to perform a pulse oximetry screening, a minimum of 24 hours after birth, on every newborn in its care.

(B) As used in this section, “birthing facility” means an inpatient or ambulatory health care facility licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services that provides birthing and newborn care services.

(C) The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Section 4. [Severability.] Insert severability clause.

Section 5. [Repealer.] Insert repealer clause.

Section 6. [Effective Date.] Insert effective date.