VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

CHAPTER 916

An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-67 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Board of Health's responsibility for treatment of certain conditions and diseases.

[H 542]

Approved April 9, 2000

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-67 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-67. Duty of Board with respect to treatment.

The Board shall recommend procedures for the treatment of biotinidase deficiency, phenylketonuria, hypothyroidism, homocystinuria, galactosemia, Maple Syrup Urine Disease and sickle cell diseases, and shall provide such treatment for infants in medically indigent families. The Board shall create procedures to provide to (i) the parents or guardian of any child or (ii) any pregnant woman, who is a legal resident of the Commonwealth and who is diagnosed as requiring treatment for phenylketonuria, the special food products required in the management of phenylketonuria out of such funds as may be appropriated for this purpose. The special food products shall include medical formulas which are designed specifically for the treatment of phenylketonuria and low protein modified foods (not foods naturally low in protein) which are designed specifically for use in the treatment for inborn errors of metabolism. The parents or guardian of any such child, or the pregnant woman, shall, in the discretion of the Department, reimburse to the local health department the cost of such special food products medical formulas in an amount not to exceed two percent of their gross income. The parents or guardian of any such child, or the pregnant woman, shall, with such funds as are appropriated, receive reimbursement from the Department for the cost of such special low protein modified foods in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per diagnosed person per year. The reimbursement required by this section shall be payable quarterly by the first day of January, April, July, and October.

2. That the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of this act is included in the 2000 Appropriation Act, passed during the 2000 Session of the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor.