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HOUSE BILL NO. 542

Offered January 18, 2000

A BILL 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.

Patron—McDonnell

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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 the parents or guardian of any child, 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 both liquid formulas and solid foods that are low in protein. The parents or guardian of any such child shall, in the discretion of the Department, reimburse to the local health department the cost of such special food products in an amount not to exceed two percent of their gross income. The reimbursement required by this section shall be payable quarterly by the first day of January, April, July, and October.