

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-65 of the Code of Virginia, relating to newborn testing for*  
3 *medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD or MCADH) deficiency.*

4 [S 218]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 32.1-65 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 32.1-65. Infants to be subjected to tests.

9 In order to prevent mental retardation, permanent disability or death, every infant who is born in this  
10 Commonwealth shall be subjected to a screening test for biotinidase deficiency, phenylketonuria,  
11 hypothyroidism, homocystinuria, galactosemia, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, *medium-chain acyl-CoA*  
12 *dehydrogenase (MCAD or MCADH) deficiency*, and Maple Syrup Urine Disease, and each infant  
13 determined at risk shall be subject to a screening test for sickle cell diseases. Any infant whose parent  
14 or guardian objects thereto on the grounds that such test conflicts with his religious practices or tenets  
15 shall not be required to receive a screening test. The physician, nurse or midwife in charge of the  
16 delivery of a baby or, if none, the first attending physician shall cause such test to be performed. The  
17 screening tests shall be performed by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services or any other  
18 laboratory the Department of Health has contracted with to provide this service.

19 The program for screening infants for sickle cell diseases shall be conducted in addition to the  
20 programs provided for in Article 8 (§ 32.1-68 et seq.) of this chapter.

21 **2. That the provisions of this act shall only become effective one year after the date that sufficient**  
22 **funds are appropriated or otherwise secured to (i) support the Virginia Department of Health's**  
23 **costs for start-up professional and family education and (ii) the purchase of the necessary**  
24 **equipment for implementation of the testing program in the Division of Consolidated Laboratories.**

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