

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4584

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 5822.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 5822. (1) UPON RECEIPT OF A POSITIVE PRENATAL OR  
2 POSTNATAL TEST RESULT OR DIAGNOSIS OF SPINA BIFIDA, A HEALTH  
3 FACILITY OR AGENCY LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 17 OR A PHYSICIAN, HEALTH  
4 CARE PROVIDER, NURSE MIDWIFE, OR GENETIC COUNSELOR THAT RENDERS  
5 PRENATAL CARE, POSTNATAL CARE, OR GENETIC COUNSELING, SHALL GIVE  
6 THE EXPECTANT OR NEW PARENT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE  
7 DEPARTMENT AND DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2).

8        (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON WHO  
9 RENDERS PRENATAL CARE, POSTNATAL CARE, OR GENETIC COUNSELING TO  
10 PARENTS WHO RECEIVE A PRENATAL OR POSTNATAL DIAGNOSIS OF SPINA

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1 BIFIDA AND TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A POSITIVE TEST RESULT  
2 FROM A TEST FOR SPINA BIFIDA, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (A) UP-TO-DATE, EVIDENCE-BASED, INFORMATION ABOUT SPINA BIFIDA  
4 THAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY MEDICAL EXPERTS AND SPINA BIFIDA  
5 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON PHYSICAL, DEVELOPMENTAL,  
6 EDUCATIONAL, AND PSYCHOSOCIAL OUTCOMES, LIFE EXPECTANCY, CLINICAL  
7 COURSE, INTELLECTUAL AND FUNCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TREATMENT  
8 OPTIONS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY MAKE THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN THIS  
9 SUBDIVISION AVAILABLE BY POSTING IT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

10 (B) CONTACT INFORMATION REGARDING SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND  
11 SERVICES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO EXPECTANT AND NEW PARENTS OF  
12 CHILDREN WITH SPINA BIFIDA, INCLUDING INFORMATION HOTLINES SPECIFIC  
13 TO SPINA BIFIDA, RESOURCE CENTERS OR CLEARINGHOUSES, AND NATIONAL  
14 AND LOCAL SPINA BIFIDA ORGANIZATIONS.

[ (C) IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT A PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A POSITIVE  
TEST RESULT FROM A TEST FOR SPINA BIFIDA TAKE ANOTHER TEST TO CONFIRM  
THAT THE PERSON DID NOT RECEIVE A FALSE POSITIVE TEST RESULT. ]

15 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST LINKS TO CREDIBLE SOURCES OF  
16 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON SPINA BIFIDA, SUCH AS THE NATIONAL SPINA  
17 BIFIDA ASSOCIATION AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
18 PREVENTION, ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

19 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SPINA BIFIDA" MEANS A CONGENITAL  
20 MALFORMATION OF THE BONE IN THE VERTEBRAL COLUMN THAT EXPOSES THE  
21 SPINAL CORD, WHICH IS CAUSED BY INCOMPLETE CLOSING OF THE EMBRYONIC  
22 NEURAL TUBE.

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
24 after the date it is enacted into law.