

# HOUSE BILL No. 5690

May 25, 2016, Introduced by Rep. Lyons and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 5125 (MCL 333.5125), as added by 1988 PA 491,  
and by adding section 21525.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 5125. ~~A-SUBJECT TO SECTION 21525, A~~ licensed health  
2 professional in charge of the care of a newborn infant, or if none,  
3 the licensed health professional in charge at the birth of an  
4 infant, shall treat the eyes of the infant with 1 or more of the  
5 prophylaxes approved by the department within ~~1-hour~~ **24 HOURS** after  
6 the birth of the infant, or as soon after the birth of the infant  
7 as the health professional is present **IF LATER THAN 24 HOURS**. If  
8 any redness, swelling, inflammation, or gathering of pus appears in

1 the eyes of the infant or upon the lids or about the eyes of the  
2 infant within 2 weeks after the date of birth, a nurse, ~~nurse-~~  
3 ~~midwife,~~ **NURSE MIDWIFE**, or other person having care of the infant  
4 shall report the condition to the physician in charge of the care  
5 of the infant, or if there is not a physician in charge of the care  
6 of the infant, to the local health department, within 6 hours after  
7 the discovery of the redness, swelling, inflammation, or gathering  
8 of pus.

9           **SEC. 21525. A HOSPITAL SHALL ALLOW A NEWBORN INFANT WHO IS**  
10 **BORN IN THE HOSPITAL OR WHO IS UNDER THE CARE OF THE HOSPITAL TO BE**  
11 **PLACED ON THE MOTHER'S CHEST, SKIN TO SKIN, IMMEDIATELY AFTER BIRTH**  
12 **AND LEAVE THE MOTHER AND INFANT UNDISTURBED FOR AT LEAST 1 HOUR OR**  
13 **UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST BREASTFEEDING, IF ANY.**

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