

HOUSE BILL No. 4584

May 4, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Vaupel, Sheppard, Canfield, Lucido, Faris and Runestad
and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

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
11 BIFIDA AND TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

1 FROM A TEST FOR SPINA BIFIDA, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

2 (A) UP-TO-DATE, EVIDENCE-BASED, WRITTEN INFORMATION ABOUT
3 SPINA BIFIDA THAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY MEDICAL EXPERTS AND SPINA
4 BIFIDA ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON PHYSICAL,
5 DEVELOPMENTAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND PSYCHOSOCIAL OUTCOMES, LIFE
6 EXPECTANCY, CLINICAL COURSE, INTELLECTUAL AND FUNCTIONAL
7 DEVELOPMENT, AND TREATMENT OPTIONS.

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

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

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

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