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1	SENATE BILL NO. 162
2	INTRODUCED BY T. SCHMIDT
3	BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MONTANA GENETICS PROGRAM TO EXPAND
6	THE GENETIC AND METABOLIC CONDITIONS FOR WHICH NEWBORNS ARE SCREENED AND TO ALLOW
7	THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO CONTRACT FOR FOLLOWUP
8	SERVICES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 50-19-203 AND 50-19-211, MCA."
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10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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12	Section 1. Section 50-19-203, MCA, is amended to read:
13	"50-19-203. Metabolic tests <u>Newborn screening and followup for metabolic and genetic disorders</u> .
14	(1) A person in charge of a facility wherein in which a child is born or wherein a facility in which a newborn infant
15	is cared for is provided care or a person responsible for the registration of the birth of an infant a newborn shall
16	ensure that each infant newborn is administered tests designed to detect inborn metabolic errors and genetic
17	disorders as shall be required to be administered under rules adopted by the department.
18	(2) The tests shall must be done by an approved laboratory. An approved laboratory shall must be the
19	laboratory of the department or a laboratory approved by the department.
20	(3) The department shall contract with one or more providers qualified to provide followup services,
21	including counseling and education, for children and parents of children identified with metabolic or genetic
22	disorders to ensure the availability of followup services."
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24	Section 2. Section 50-19-211, MCA, is amended to read:
25	"50-19-211. Statewide genetics program established. (1) A combined, comprehensive statewide
26	genetics program is established in the department to offer testing, counseling, and education to parents and
27	prospective parents. The program includes but is not limited to the following services ensure the availability of
28	services that include but are not limited to:
29	(a) followup programs for newborn testing, with emphasis on the counseling and education of women
30	at risk for maternal phenylketonuria;

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1	(b)(a) comprehensive clinical and self-supporting laboratory genetic services, including but not limited
2	to cytogenetics, DNA, and special chemistry, to all areas of the state and all segments of the population;
3	(c)(b) development of counseling and testing programs for the diagnosis and management of genetic
4	conditions and metabolic disorders ; and
5	(d)(c) development and expansion of educational programs for physicians, allied health professionals,
6	and the public with respect to:
7	(i) the nature of genetic processes;
8	(ii) the inheritance patterns of genetic conditions; and
9	(iii) the means, methods, and facilities available to diagnose, counsel, and treat genetic conditions and
10	metabolic disorders.
11	(2) When the department contracts for genetics services under this section, it shall preferably contract
12	with a single entity that is able to provide the combined, comprehensive program. The department and the
13	contractor shall administer the contract in the most cost-effective means practicable."
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