

**ACT 19**

A Bill for an Act Relating to Phenylketonuria Testing.

*Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Declaration of purpose. The purpose of this Act is to establish a systematic method of detecting and combating a genetic defect causing phenylketonuria. This condition commonly known as PKU is the result of an inborn error of metabolism and usually produces such severe and irreversible brain damage in young children that life-long institutionalization is required. If found and treated within the first two weeks of life, mental retardation is prevented.

SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be appropriately designated, and to read as follows:

“§ 46- . **Test for phenylketonuria.** The physician, midwife, or other person attending a newborn child shall cause a phenylketonuria test to be administered to the child; provided, that this section shall not apply if the parents, guardian or other person having the custody or control of such child objects thereto on the grounds that such test conflicts with their religious tenets and practices.

“The department of health shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, administration of phenylketonuria tests, keeping of records and related data, and reporting of positive test results.”

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
(Approved May 4, 1965.) **H.B. 881.**