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SENATE BILL 101

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO HEALTH; REQUIRING HEARING SENSITIVITY TESTING FOR
ALL NEWBORN INFANTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**Section 1. NEWBORN HEARING TESTING REQUIRED--DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH.--By July 1, 2001, the department of health shall
adopt rules to require that all infants born in health
facilities licensed by the department shall be screened for
hearing sensitivity prior to being discharged. The rules
shall also require the testing of any newborns brought to
licensed health facilities after birth who have not received a
hearing sensitivity screening and notification to the parents
of all screened infants of the results of the hearing
sensitivity screening.**

Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public

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peace, health and safety that this act take effect
immediately.

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