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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the blood typing of a newborn for the purpose of
 2 inclusion of blood type information on the newborn's birth
 3 certificate and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 2026 HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. Section 135.11, Code Supplement 1999, is
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 26. a. Require that beginning July 1,
4 2000, the blood sample taken from a newborn for the purpose of
5 screening for birth defects pursuant to chapter 136A shall
6 also be used to obtain the blood type of the newborn. The
7 laboratory that tests the blood sample shall include the blood
8 type information in the notification of results returned to
9 the person required to file the birth certificate pursuant to
10 section 144.13 or birthing facility. The person required to
11 file the birth certificate pursuant to section 144.13 or
12 birthing facility shall include the blood type information in
13 the newborn's birth certificate registration forwarded to the
14 department.

15 b. Rules adopted by the department in implementing this
16 subsection shall provide for all of the following:

17 (1) Alternative procedures for newborn blood typing and
18 submission of birth certificate registration information for
19 births which are attended by a midwife or which are
20 unattended.

21 (2) Refusal by a parent or guardian of the blood testing
22 for the purpose of blood typing.

23 (3) If a blood sample is not taken pursuant to chapter
24 136A, and a parent or guardian does not refuse the test, that
25 a blood sample may be taken from the newborn's umbilical cord
26 for the purpose of blood typing.

27 Sec. 2. Section 144.13, Code Supplement 1999, is amended
28 by adding the following new subsection:

29 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The certificate of birth for each live
30 birth that occurs in this state on or after July 1, 2000,
31 which is filed in accordance with this chapter, shall include
32 the blood type of the subject of the certificate of birth as
33 provided in section 135.11, subsection 26.

34 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
35 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

This bill directs the Iowa department of public health to require that the blood sample currently taken from newborns for the purpose of screening for birth defects shall also be used for the blood typing of the newborn. The laboratory results of the blood screening are to include the blood type and this information is to be returned to the person required to file the birth certificate or birthing facility which submitted the blood sample. The blood type information is required to be included in the birth certificate registration information submitted to the department. The rules adopted by the department to implement the requirement are to provide alternative procedures for unattended births and for births attended by midwives, are to provide for refusal of the testing for the purpose of blood typing by a parent or guardian of the newborn, and are to provide that if a blood sample is not taken for the purposes of Code chapter 136A, and a parent or guardian does not refuse, the blood from the newborn's umbilical cord may be sampled for the purpose of blood typing.

The bill takes effect upon enactment.