

**House File 31 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 31

BY JONES

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the storing of residual newborn screening  
2 specimens, and including effective date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. RESIDUAL NEWBORN SCREENING SPECIMENS —  
2 PROHIBITED STORAGE — ADOPTION OF RULES. In accordance  
3 with section 136A.8, the center for congenital and inherited  
4 disorders, with assistance provided by the department of public  
5 health, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to prohibit  
6 the retention and ensure the proper disposal by incineration of  
7 all residual newborn screening specimens. Any residual newborn  
8 screening specimens being stored on or before the effective  
9 date of this Act shall be incinerated. For the purposes of  
10 this section, "residual newborn screening specimen" means the  
11 portion of the dried blood spot specimen that may be left over  
12 after all activities necessary for the Iowa newborn screening  
13 program under chapter 136A are completed.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
15 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill requires the center for congenital and inherited  
20 disorders, with assistance provided by the department of public  
21 health, to adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A to prohibit  
22 the retention and ensure the proper disposal by incineration of  
23 all residual newborn screening specimens. Any residual newborn  
24 screening specimen being stored on or before the effective date  
25 of the bill shall be incinerated. For the purposes of the  
26 bill, "residual newborn screening specimen" means the portion  
27 of the dried blood spot specimen that may be left over after  
28 all activities necessary for the Iowa newborn screening program  
29 under Code chapter 136A are completed.

30 The bill takes effect upon enactment.