

Accompanying the second recommendation of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 170). Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT AMENDING THE SICKLE CELL ANEMIA LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 15 A of chapter 76 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the entire section and by substituting
3 therefore the following: —

4 *Section 15A.* The department of public health in association
5 with the cities and towns shall establish a voluntary screening
6 program for sickle cell anemia or for the sickle cell trait and for
7 such genetically-linked diseases as may from time to time be
8 determined by the commissioner of public health, such as
9 Tay-sachs disease, Cooley's anemia and hemophilia. The most
10 appropriate age for screening and the method of screening shall
11 be determined and redetermined by the commissioner of public
12 health in the light of technical and laboratory changes. Any
13 screening programs which may be established shall include pro-
14 visions for a complete health education and post-screening
15 genetic counselling service and for treatment of those affected by
16 any blood abnormality. All records maintained as part of any
17 screening program shall be strictly confidential and shall be ac-
18 cessible only to the commissioner of public health or his agents
19 or to the local health department which is conducting the
20 screening program except by explicit permission of the parents of
21 any child or adolescent who has been screened. Information on
22 the results of any particular screening program shall be limited to
23 notification to the parents of the result when a person screened is
24 under the age of eighteen or to the person, himself, if he is over
25 the age of eighteen. The results may be used otherwise only for
26 collective statistical purposes.

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