

SENATE BILL NO. 2172

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Berry, Robinson

Representatives J. Nelson, Weisz, Hogan

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 25-17 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to newborn child screening for critical congenital heart defects.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 25-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Pulse oximetry screening for critical congenital heart defects - Exception.**

7 Before discharge of a newborn child born in a hospital with a birthing center, the newborn
8 child must receive a pulse oximetry screening for critical congenital heart defects. The
9 screening requirement of this section does not apply if the parents of a newborn child object to
10 the screening. The state department of health shall provide medical staff and facilities that
11 provide birthing services with notice regarding this screening requirement. For purposes of this
12 chapter, pulse oximetry screening is not a test under section 25-17-05 and a congenital heart
13 defect detected by screening under this section is not a metabolic disease or genetic disease as
14 those terms are used under this chapter.