A-Engrossed House Bill 2644

Ordered by the House March 15 Including House Amendments dated March 15

Sponsored by Representative MALSTROM; Senator MONNES ANDERSON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Provides that administration of vitamin K to newborn infants must be by [injection] most effective means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to vitamin K; amending ORS 433.306 and 433.312.

3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 433.306 is amended to read:

5 433.306. (1) A physician licensed under [ORS chapters 677, 684 and 685] ORS chapter 677, 684

6 or 685 or [the] a midwife attending the mother at the birth of [the] a child [shall be] is responsible

7 for [insuring] ensuring that the newborn infant [shall receive] receives vitamin K within 24 hours

8 after birth [by the most appropriate means, either by injection or orally] by the most effective
9 means.

10 (2) The procedure described in subsection (1) of this section does not apply to any **newborn** 11 infant whose parents object to the procedure on [*the*] grounds that the procedure conflicts with the 12 religious tenets and practices of the parents. **To make an objection under this subsection,** the 13 parents must sign a statement [*saying the infant is being so reared*] **attesting that the procedure** 14 **conflicts with the religious tenets and practices of the parents**.

15 (3) [No] A newborn infant [shall] may not be refused the procedure described in subsection (1)

16 of this section because of the parent's inability to pay for the procedure.

17 **SECTION 2.** ORS 433.312 is amended to read:

433.312. (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Oregon Pediatric Society
[by rule], shall establish by rule the appropriate dosage of vitamin K [and the procedures for administering vitamin K which may be either by injection or orally] to be administered pursuant to
ORS 433.306 and the most effective procedures for administering vitamin K.

(2) The authority, in cooperation with the licensing boards established in ORS chapters 677, 684
and 685, shall notify [*their*] the licensing boards' licensees of [*these*] rules established under this
section. The authority also shall notify any association of midwives [*shall also be notified*].
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