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Summary
HB 1654 PN 2774

This bill amends the Newborn Child Testing Act to add certain lysosomal storage disorders to the list of diseases for which newborn children are screened. Health care providers will be required to test children for:

- Globoid cell leukodystrophy (Krabbe)
- Fabry
- Pompe
- Niemann-Pick
- Gaucher
- Hurler Snydrome

A lysosomal storage disorder is a rare inherited metabolic disorder and symptoms vary depending on which disorder is inherited. There are no known cures but early detection and treatment of symptoms may lessen the impact of the disease.

Effective Date
This act shall take effect in 60 days.