
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1544 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, GAINNEY, SCHLOSSBERG,
CALTAGIRONE, KINSEY, READSHAW, BISHOP, COHEN, FARINA AND
SCHWEYER, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

AN ACT

1 Providing for Sickle Cell Disease or Sickle Cell Trait testing.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Sickle Cell
6 Testing Act.

7 Section 2. Testing.

8 (a) General rule.--Except as set forth in subsection (b), an
9 individual 18 years of age or older shall be tested for Sickle
10 Cell Disease or Sickle Cell Trait and notified of the results of
11 the test.

12 (b) Exceptions.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to any of
13 the following:

14 (1) An individual who, as part of the act of September
15 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn Child Testing
16 Act, was tested for Sickle Cell Disease and is able to
17 document his or her status.

1 (2) An individual who is able to provide medical
2 documentation of his or her status of Sickle Cell Disease or
3 Sickle Cell Trait.

4 (3) An individual who is sterile or who is not capable
5 of having children.

6 (4) An individual who refuses to be tested based on
7 religious beliefs.

8 Section 3. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect in 90 days.