

# PKU Tests Required for Newborn

A law requiring Phenylketonuria (PKU) tests for newborn infants was enacted by the 1965 session of the Alaska State Legislature and signed into law by Governor William A. Egan, the Governor's Office reported today.

The statement was issued after several inquiries were made of the Governor's Office as to the true status of the legislation. Some of the inquirers said they had been advised unofficially that the bill

either failed to pass, was not signed or was vetoed.

The legislation (Committee Substitute for House Bill 198) was passed by the House 35-0 and by the Senate 19-0, and then was signed into law as Chapter 90 SLA 1965 by Governor Egan on April 22. It became effective 90 days later on July 21.

PKU is a disease often fatal to newborn infants or which can result in mental retardation.