- (H) IF A BLOOD TEST IS ADMINISTERED TO A PREGNANT FEMALE UPON ENTERING A HOSPITAL FOR DELIVERY, THE BLOOD TEST SHALL INCLUDE A TEST FOR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA.
- (h) (I) The Secretary shall formulate a statewide plan for education concerning the detection and treatment of sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait. This plan shall reflect a fair and equitable allocation of funds that the State may appropriate from year to year for sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait programs.
- (i) (J) The Secretary's plan shall include but not be restricted to the following:
- (1) testing and counseling of individuals on a voluntary basis for sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait;
- (2) compiling and evaluating available data to the end of gaining a better understanding of the nature of the disease;
- (j) (K) An advisory committee of eleven members, to be appointed by the Governor, shall be established to advise the Secretary as to the formulation of the statewide plan.
- (k) (L) Members of the advisory committee shall serve without pay, and the majority of the members shall be representative of consumers of health services.
- (1) (M) The Secretary is authorized to submit proposals to the federal government of the United States for programs he deems appropriate to implement his statewide plan.
- (m) (N) The Secretary shall submit to the legislature on an annual basis beginning January 1 following the effective date of this bill, and on each January 1 thereafter, a report summarizing the activities in the State in regard to sickle cell anemia. The report may be part of a larger report on other State problems submitted to the legislature by the Secretary. Also, the Secretary shall submit to the Governor and the legislature any recommendations which he deems necessary regarding problems of sickle cell anemia.
- (n) (0) Participation in any program under this section shall be wholly voluntary.
- (o) (P) All information obtained from an individual and all specimens from an individual shall be held as a confidential medical record except for:
- (1) information which the individual or his legal guardian consents to be released; or
- (2) statistical data compiled without reference to the identity of any individual.
- (p) (Q) And be it further enacted that this Act shall be known as the Sickle Cell Anemia Information and Prevention Act of 1972.

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In a manner prescribed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene each applicant for a marriage license in this State shall be informed at the time of the application of the existence of the