

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Prenatal Syphilis Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 320/1) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4801)

7 Sec. 1. Every appropriate health care professional  
8 ~~physician, or other person,~~ attending in a professional  
9 capacity a pregnant woman in Illinois, shall test every  
10 pregnant person ~~take or cause to be taken a sample of blood of~~  
11 ~~such woman~~ at the time of the first examination, and a second  
12 time sample of blood shall be taken or caused to be taken  
13 during the third trimester of pregnancy, between 27 through 32  
14 weeks of gestation. ~~The~~ ~~These blood~~ specimens collected shall  
15 be submitted to a laboratory approved by the Department of  
16 Public Health for a ~~serological~~ test for syphilis approved by  
17 the State Department of Public Health. In the event that a any  
18 ~~such blood~~ test shall show a positive or doubtful result an  
19 additional test or tests shall be made. The ~~Such serological~~  
20 test or tests shall, upon request of any provider ~~physician,~~  
21 be made free of charge by the State Department of Public Health  
22 or the Health Departments of cities, villages, and  
23 incorporated towns maintaining laboratories for the testing of

1 blood specimens of any woman who resides in that city,  
2 village, or incorporated town.

3 The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any  
4 woman who objects to such ~~serological~~ tests on the grounds  
5 that such tests are contrary to her religious beliefs and  
6 practices.

7 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

8 (410 ILCS 320/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4802)

9 Sec. 2. In reporting every birth or still birth,  
10 appropriate health care professionals ~~physicians and others~~  
11 required to make such reports shall state on the birth  
12 certificate or still birth certificate, as the case may be,  
13 whether a ~~blood~~ test for syphilis has been made upon a specimen  
14 of blood taken from the woman who bore the child for which a  
15 birth or still birth certificate is filed, together with the  
16 date when the ~~blood~~ specimen was taken and the name of the  
17 laboratory making the test. In no event shall the birth or  
18 still birth certificate state the result of the test.

19 (Source: Laws 1939, p. 708.)