

SB0142



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/17/2025, by Sen. Karina Villa

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 320/1

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4801

Amends the Prenatal Syphilis Act. Deletes provisions requiring certain serological tests to be made free of charge by the Department of Public Health or the health departments of municipalities maintaining laboratories for the testing of blood specimens of any woman who resides in the municipality.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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 Section 1 as follows:

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

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

23 The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any

1 woman who objects to such serological tests on the grounds
2 that such tests are contrary to her religious beliefs and
3 practices.

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