

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 230, *approved August 25, 1997*
Assembly, No. 1982 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT ¹[to eliminate the requirement for a blood test] concerning
2 testing¹ for syphilis ¹[prior to marriage], amending P.L.1938, c.41¹
3 and repealing P.L.1938, c.126.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 ¹1. Section 1 of P.L.1938, c.41 (C.26:4-49.1) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 1. Every physician attending pregnant women in the State for
11 conditions relating to their pregnancy during the period of gestation
12 and/or at delivery shall, in the case of every woman so attended, take
13 or cause to be taken a sample of blood of such woman at the time of
14 first examination and take or cause to be taken a sample of blood of
15 the woman or from the umbilical cord of the infant at the time of
16 delivery of a live infant, and shall submit such sample to an approved
17 laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis. Every other
18 person permitted by law to attend pregnant women in the State, but
19 not permitted by law to take blood samples, shall cause a sample of
20 blood of such pregnant women or postpartum woman or infant, as the
21 case may be, to be taken by a physician duly licensed to practice
22 medicine and surgery and have such sample submitted to an approved
23 laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis.¹

24 (P.L.1938, c.41, s.1).
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26 ¹2. Section 3 of P.L.1938, c.41 (C.26:4-49.3) is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 3. In reporting every birth and stillbirth, physicians and others
29 required to make such reports shall state on the certificate whether a
30 blood test for syphilis has been made upon a specimen of blood taken
31 from the woman who bore the child or from the umbilical cord of the

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SHH committee amendments adopted March 20, 1997.

1 infant for which a birth or stillbirth certificate is filed and the
2 [approximate] date when the specimen was taken.¹
3 (P.L.1938, c. 41, s. 3).

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5 ¹[1.] 3.¹ The following is repealed:
6 P.L.1938, c.126 (C.37:1-20 to C.37:1-26).

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8 ¹[2.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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14 Requires test for syphilis upon birth of child and repeals law requiring
test for syphilis prior to obtaining marriage license.