

**SB3987**



**103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 11/12/2024, by Sen. Karina Villa

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

410 ILCS 320/1

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4801

Amends the Prenatal Syphilis Act. In provisions concerning blood testing of pregnant women, provides that the period for the taking of a second sample of blood during the third trimester of pregnancy is between 27 and 32 weeks, and provides that the purpose of the taking of a second sample of blood during the third trimester of pregnancy is to ensure treatment begins 30 days before delivery.

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**A BILL FOR**

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 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, between 27 and 32 weeks, to ensure treatment  
13 begins 30 days before delivery. These blood specimens shall be  
14 submitted to a laboratory approved by the Department of Public  
15 Health for a serological test for syphilis approved by the  
16 State Department of Public Health. In the event that any such  
17 blood test shall show a positive or doubtful result an  
18 additional test or tests shall be made. Such serological test  
19 or tests shall, upon request of any physician, be made free of  
20 charge by the State Department of Public Health or the Health  
21 Departments of cities, villages and incorporated towns  
22 maintaining laboratories for the testing of blood specimens of  
23 any woman who resides in that city, village or incorporated

1 town.

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

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