

## CHAPTER 165.

[S. B. 374.]

## PREVENTION OF CONGENITAL SYPHILIS.

AN ACT relating to the prevention of congenital syphilis; to take effect January 2, 1940.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Test for syphilis.

SECTION 1. Every physician attending a pregnant woman in the State of Washington during gestation shall, in the case of each woman so attended, take or cause to be taken a sample of blood of such woman at the time of first examination, and submit such sample to an approved laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis. If the pregnant woman first presents herself for examination after the fifth month of gestation the physician or other attendant shall in addition to the above, advise and urge the patient to secure a medical examination and blood test before the fifth month of any subsequent pregnancies.

Standard test.

SEC. 2. A standard serological test shall be a laboratory test for syphilis approved by the State Director of Health and shall be performed either by a laboratory approved by the State Director of Health for the performance of the particular serological test used or by the State Department of Health, on request of the physician free of charge.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect January 2, 1940.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1939.

Passed the House March 9, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1939.