SENATE BILL 184

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PREVENTION OF CONGENITAL SYPHILIS IN INFANTS;
REQUIRING PHYSICIANS TO TEST A PREGNANT WOMAN FOR SYPHILIS
PURSUANT TO FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
TESTING GUIDELINES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 24-1-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,
Chapter 359, Section 10) is amended to read:

"24-1-10. PREGNANCY--SEROLOGICAL TEST FOR SYPHILIS.--

A. Every physician examining a pregnant woman for
conditions relating to her pregnancy [during the period of
gestation or at delivery or both shall take or cause to be
taken a sample of blood of such woman at the time of first
examination] shall take laboratory samples during pregnancy and
at delivery pursuant to syphilis testing guidelines recommended
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by the federal centers for disease control and prevention.

[B. All such blood samples shall be submitted to
the state public health laboratory for a standard serological
test for syphilis.

C. The standard serological test shall be a
test [for syphilis approved by the director of the department.
Such serological tests shall be made on request without charge
by the department] recommended by the federal centers for
disease control and prevention for the diagnosis and clinical
staging of syphilis."

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