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H.B. NO. 240

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Required Blood Samples of Pregnant Women.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 325-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“§325-51 Blood samples of pregnant women required.** Every physician attending a pregnant woman in the State for conditions relating to her pregnancy during the period of gestation or at delivery, shall, in the case of every woman so attended, take or cause to be taken [a sample] one or more samples of the blood of the woman, except when the attending physician shall have evidence that a pregnant woman has met this requirement through a previous test for syphilis, and shall submit such [sample] samples to an approved laboratory for a standard serologic test for syphilis. Every other person permitted by law to attend pregnant women in the State, but not permitted by law to take blood samples, shall cause [a sample] one or more samples of the blood of every pregnant woman attended by [him] the person to be taken by a duly licensed physician or State certified laboratory, or any other person permitted by law to withdraw blood and shall have the [sample] samples

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submitted to an approved laboratory for a standard serologic test for syphilis. [The samples of blood shall be taken at the time of the first visit to the pregnant woman or within fourteen days thereafter.] The samples of blood shall be taken at such times during the period of gestation as are designated by rules adopted by the department of health. Every pregnant woman shall permit the sample of her blood to be taken [by a licensed physician] as hereinabove provided.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 20, 1983.)