

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 292

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-515, which relates to tests for syphilis; increasing required frequency of testing; requiring testing under certain circumstances; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-515, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-515. A. Every physician attending a pregnant woman in Oklahoma 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~~ each of the following occurrences, and shall submit such sample to an approved laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis:

1. At the time of the first prenatal visit;

2. Between twenty-eight (28) and thirty-two (32) weeks'

gestation; and

3. At the time of delivery.

1        B. In addition to the occurrences listed in subsection A of  
2 this section, the attending physician of a woman presenting with a  
3 spontaneous miscarriage or stillbirth shall take or cause to be  
4 taken a sample of blood of such woman and shall submit such sample  
5 to an approved laboratory for a standard serological test for  
6 syphilis.

7        C. Every other person permitted by law to attend upon pregnant  
8 women in the state but not permitted by law to take blood tests  
9 shall cause a sample of the blood of such pregnant woman to be taken  
10 by a duly licensed physician, licensed to practice in ~~the State of~~  
11 ~~Oklahoma~~ this state, and submitted to an approved laboratory for a  
12 standard serological test for syphilis.

13        D. The term "approved laboratory" shall mean a laboratory  
14 approved for the purposes of this section by the State Commissioner  
15 of Health. A standard serological test for syphilis shall be one  
16 recognized as such by the Commissioner. Such laboratory tests shall  
17 be made, on request, without charge by the State Department of  
18 Health.

19        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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