

firmative, the council may thereafter enact such a tax in the nature of a levy upon buyers but with imposition upon sellers of the obligation of collecting same at the time of sale or at time of collection with respect to credit transactions, and transmit same to the municipality. The sole purpose of this subsection is to enable cities, with the consent of the residents thereof, to impose sales taxes, and that although such method of taxation be established within a city, the council may at any time abandon same. It is also the intent that if consent to such tax be obtained for a special purpose, the proceeds of the tax may not be used for any other purpose unless with consent of the voters at another referendum.

Approved March 14, 1949.

CHAPTER 39

AN ACT

[H. B. 73]

To promote public health of the people of the Territory of Alaska and to provide for prenatal serological blood tests; defining offenses and prescribing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. DUTY OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN. Every physician licensed to practice medicine attending a pregnant woman in the Territory of Alaska for conditions relating to her pregnancy during the period of gestation or at delivery, and any licensed graduate nurse attending such a woman in the absence of a physician,

Purpose.

Blood test.

shall take, or cause to be taken, a sample of blood of such woman at the time of first professional visit or within ten days thereafter, unless such serological test is contrary to the tenets or practice of the religious creed of which she is an adherent. The blood specimen thus obtained shall be submitted to an approved laboratory or clinic for a standard serological test for syphilis. Any other person permitted by law to attend pregnant women in the Territory but not permitted by law to take blood samples, shall cause a sample of blood of such pregnant women to be taken by a physician duly licensed to practice medicine, or on order of a physician duly licensed to practice medicine, and have such sample submitted to an approved laboratory or clinic for a standard serological test for syphilis.

Exception.

Authorized person to take sample.

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TEST. For the purposes of this Act, a standard serological test shall be a test for syphilis approved by the Alaska Department of Health, and shall be performed in a laboratory or clinic approved by the Alaska Department of Health. Such laboratory tests as are required by this Act shall be performed on request without charge at the laboratories of the Alaska Department of Health.

Section 3. REPORT OF BIRTH. In reporting every birth and stillbirth, physicians and others required to make such reports shall state on the certificate whether a serological test for syphilis has been made upon a specimen of blood taken from the woman who bore the child for which a birth or stillbirth certificate is filed, and the approximate date when the specimen was taken. In no event shall the birth certificate state the result of the test.

Statement on birth report.

Section 4. PENALTY. Any licensed physician, surgeon or licensed nurse, engaged in attendance upon a pregnant woman during the period of gestation or at delivery, or any representative of a laboratory or clinic

Penalty.

who violates the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00; provided, however, every licensed physician or surgeon or other person engaged in attendance upon a pregnant woman during the period of gestation or at delivery, who requests such specimen in accordance with the provisions of Section 1, and whose request is refused, shall not be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved March 14, 1949.

CHAPTER 40

AN ACT

[H. B. 120]

Providing an emergency clause for S. B. No. 5 of the Nineteenth Session pertaining to a 5-day week for banking operations; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. That certain Act previously enacted at the present session of the Legislature on the subject of a 5-day week for banking operations, identified as Senate Bill No. 5 of the Nineteenth Session of the Alaska Legislature, is hereby amended by providing an additional section to immediately follow Section 1 of said Act and to read as follows:

Emergency
clause for 5-day
bank week.

Section 2. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.