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CHAPTER 483

AN ACT to create section 2339n of the statutes, relating to the marriage of persons who have been afflicted with gonorrhœa or syphilis.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 2339n. 1. No person who has ever been afflicted with gonorrhœa or syphilis shall be granted a marriage license in this state until such person shall furnish to the county clerk issuing the license a certificate from the director of the state laboratory of hygiene, or from the state board of health branch laboratory or from one of the state cooperative laboratories controlled by the state board of health, setting forth the fact that the necessary microscopical examination has been made and that the individual named in the certificate is not in the infective or communicable state of gonorrhœa, or a certificate from the director of the psychiatric institute at Mendota setting forth the fact that the necessary blood test for the Wasserman reaction has been made and that the person named in the certificate is not in the infective or communicable stage of syphilis. In all cases where the individual has been afflicted with both gonorrhœa and syphilis, both such certificates shall be furnished before such license is granted.

2. Such a certificate or certificates shall be furnished to any citizen of this state by the director of any of the laboratories mentioned, without charge.

3. The necessary smears for gonorrhœa examinations and the blood for determining the presence of syphilis shall be collected and forwarded to the laboratory by physicians designated by the state board of health or the state health officer, for which a fee not to exceed two dollars may be charged.

4. Any person who shall obtain any such license contrary to the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 23, 1917.