

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Eighty-ninth Legislature

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**CHAP. 290**

applicable under any such minimum fair-wage report, finding or determination shall constitute a separate offense.

III. Any employer or any of his agents, or the officer or agent of any corporation who fails to keep the records required hereunder, or refuses to permit the commissioner to enter his place of business, or who fails to furnish such records to the commissioner upon demand shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, and each day of such failure to keep the records, or failure to furnish same to the commissioner, upon demand, shall constitute a separate offense.

**Sec. 15. Civil actions.** If any woman or minor worker employed or occupied in the industry or occupation described in section 1 hereof is paid by an employer less than the minimum fair-wage rate set forth in a minimum fair-wage report, finding and determination by the wage board, duly certified and served as in section 10 hereof provided, such employee shall recover, in a civil action, the full amount of such minimum fair-wage less any amount actually paid to such employee by the employer, together with costs and such reasonable attorney fees as may be allowed by the court, and any agreement between an employer and an employee to work for less than the minimum fair-wage rates set forth in any such report, finding or determination shall be no defense to such action.

**Sec. 16. Saving clause.** If any provision hereof, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the act, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

Approved April 21, 1939.

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## Chapter 290

### AN ACT Relating to Prenatal Examination.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

**Sec. 1. Physician to take sample of blood for laboratory test.** Every physician attending a woman in the state by reason of her being pregnant during gestation shall in the case of every woman so attended take or cause to be taken with her consent a sample of blood of such woman, and submit such sample for a standard serological test for syphilis to a laboratory of the state department of health and welfare or to a laboratory approved for this test by the department. Such laboratory tests as are required by this act shall be made on request without charge by the state department of health and welfare.

**Sec. 2. Standard tests to be approved by state department of health and welfare.** The state department of health and welfare is hereby authorized to approve 1 or more tests for syphilis which shall be known as standard tests, and may approve and appoint other laboratories in addition to the state laboratory to make such tests.

**Sec. 3. Blood specimens to be accompanied by information blank; report.** Blood specimens sent to a laboratory in compliance with section 1 hereof shall be accompanied by an information blank which shall contain the initials of the person whose blood is submitted or a number or other suitable means of identification, and also the word "Prenatal" to indicate the purpose of the examination.

If the person in question is found to be infected with syphilis, the physician in charge shall make a report to the state bureau of health on a regular blank, supplied by the bureau for the reporting of venereal diseases, adding thereto the word "Prenatal" in addition to such other information as may be indicated on said blanks.

Such reports shall be kept in a special file at the bureau and shall not be considered a public record. However, such reports may be produced in any court procedure where they may be material and relevant, on an order of the justice presiding.

**Sec. 4. Existing laws not affected.** Nothing in this act shall impair or affect existing laws, rules or regulations made by authority of law, relative to the reporting of cases of syphilis and gonorrhoea discovered by physicians and no civil action shall be maintainable for failure to comply with this act.

Approved April 20, 1939.

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## Chapter 291

**AN ACT Relating to the Publication of Legal Notices, Legal Advertising and Other Matter Required by Law to be Published in a Newspaper.**

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

**Publication of legal notices; regulated.** To be qualified as a medium for the publication of legal notices, legal advertising and other matter required by law to be published in a newspaper, a newspaper, unless otherwise ordered by the court in the proceedings, must be published and printed in whole or in part in this state, or, where the law so requires, in whole or in part in the county where the notice is required to be published; must