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By COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to physical requirements for marriage license.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section five hundred ninety-six point one
2 (596.1), Code 1971, is amended as follows:

3 596.1 EXAMINATION BY PHYSICIAN. In addition to the
4 requirements for a marriage license as set out in chapter
5 595, all persons making application for license to marry
6 shall, at any time within twenty days prior to such
7 application, be examined by a duly licensed physician in this
8 state as to the existence of or freedom from syphilis, and
9 it shall be unlawful for the clerk of the district court of
10 any county in this state to issue a license to marry, except
11 as otherwise provided in this chapter, to any person who fails
12 to present for filing with such clerk a certificate signed
13 by such physician setting forth that said person to the
14 proposed marriage is either free from syphilis or not in a
15 stage whereby it may become communicable as nearly as can
16 be determined by ~~a-thorough-physical-examination-and~~ such
17 standard microscopic and serological tests as are necessary
18 for the discovery of syphilis.

19 Sec. 2. Section five hundred ninety-six point two (596.2),
20 Code 1971, is amended as follows:

21 596.2 CERTIFICATE BY PHYSICIAN. If, on the basis of
22 negative laboratory ~~and-clinical~~ findings, the physician in
23 attendance finds no evidence of syphilis, or if any applicant
24 so infected is not in a stage of the disease whereby it may
25 become communicable, said physician shall issue a certificate
26 to the examinee to that effect on a form prescribed by the
27 commissioner of public health and furnished by the office
28 of the clerk of the district court. Such certificate of
29 negative findings as to each of the parties to a proposed
30 marriage shall be filed with the clerk of the district court
31 at the time application for a license to marry is made. If
32 the marriage ceremony is to take place under the provisions
33 of section 595.17, the certificate required by this chapter
34 shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the court in
35 the county in which such marriage ceremony is to take place.

