

## CHAPTER 83

## VENEREAL DISEASES

H. F. 58

AN ACT to amend sections twenty-two hundred eighty-five (2285), twenty-three hundred five (2305), and twenty-two hundred eighty-seven (2287), code, 1935 relating to reports by the State Department of Health to local boards of health of those persons infected with venereal diseases who have failed to report for treatment; and to amend chapter one hundred nine (109), code, 1935, by exempting certain persons from the operation of said law; and to provide penalties for violation of the provisions of this act.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section twenty-two hundred eighty-five (2285), Code  
2 1935, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "It shall be the duty of the state department of health when such  
4 reports are received to report the name of the infected person to the  
5 local board of health of the jurisdiction wherein he resides."

1 SEC. 2. Section twenty-three hundred five (2305), Code, 1935, is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following: ", except as other-  
3 wise herein provided, and the alleged infected person shall have access  
4 to such records pertaining to himself without an order of court."

1 SEC. 3. Section twenty-two hundred eighty-seven (2287), Code,  
2 1935, is hereby amended by striking from lines one (1) and two (2)  
3 the following words: "When it shall appear to the local board", and  
4 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 "When a local board of health has been officially notified by the  
6 state department of health, as provided in section twenty-two hun-  
7 dred eighty-five (2285) of the Code,".

1 SEC. 4. Any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions  
2 of this act shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed one hundred  
3 dollars (\$100), or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed  
4 thirty (30) days.

1 SEC. 5. Amend chapter one hundred nine (109), Code, 1935, by  
2 adding to such chapter as section 2315-11 the following:

3 No provision of chapter one hundred nine (109), Code, 1935, as it  
4 now is or as the same may be amended, shall be construed to require  
5 or compel any person who is a member of a well-recognized church or  
6 religious denomination, and whose religious convictions in accordance  
7 with the tenets or principles of his or her church or religious denomi-  
8 nation are opposed to medical treatment for disease, to take or follow  
9 a course of medical treatment prescribed by law, or a physician, pro-  
10 viding such person shall submit to and comply with all rules and regu-  
11 lations regarding quarantine, detention and confinement that may be  
12 prescribed by the local board of health.

1 SEC. 6. In event that any phrase, clause, or section of this act be  
2 found to be unconstitutional for any reason such unconstitutionality  
3 shall not have the effect of invalidating those other portions of this  
4 act which may be found to be constitutional but those other portions  
5 which are found to be constitutional shall continue to remain and be  
6 in full force and effect.

Approved May 10, 1939.