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ASSEMBLY, No. 1442

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman APY

Referred to Committee on Air and Water Pollution and Public Health

AN ACT concerning the State Department of Health and amending
R. S. 26:4-47.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. R. S. 26:4-47 is amended to read as follows:

2 26:4-47. The State Department **[shall]** *of Health may:*

3 a. Provide **[facilities for the free bacteriological examination of**
4 **discharges for the diagnosis of gonorrheal infections]** *appropriate*
5 *laboratory services for the diagnosis of sexually-transmitted*
6 *diseases;*

6A b. Provide **[, at cost, vaccines or antitoxins for the treatment of**
6B **such infections;]** *antibiotics and other appropriate drugs and bio-*
6C *logicals for the treatment and prevention of sexually-transmitted*
6D *diseases.*

7 c. **[Make, at the expense of the State, the Wassermann or other**
8 **approved tests or examine smears for the diagnosis of syphilis;**
9 **and]** *(Deleted by amendment.)*

10 d. **[Furnish the treatment known as "Salvarsan" or other ac-**
11 **credited specific treatment at cost.]** *(Deleted by amendment.)*

12 **[Diagnosis and treatment shall not be furnished until the data**
13 **required for the registration of the case have been furnished by**
14 **the physician, nurse, or institution treating the patient.]**

15 *The Commissioner of Health may promulgate rules and regula-*
16 *tions pertaining to payment for services and materials provided by*
17 *the department hereunder, including a schedule of fees for such*
18 *services and materials, consistent with the promotion of public*
19 *health and the prevention of disease within the State.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

STATEMENT

The medical and public health technology in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sexually-transmitted diseases has changed over the years, and further changes can be anticipated. This bill permits the State Department of Health to use the most modern methods available to control these diseases without being bound to outmoded methods. Also, in addition to syphilis and gonorrhea, other sexually-transmitted diseases are of increasing public health concern. This bill allows control measures for these other diseases. Additionally, with new technology, completely free services against these diseases may not be the best way to serve the total public health. This bill allows the State Department of Health to charge for certain services if indicated.