

BILL AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE
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THE SENATE OF CANADA

BILL D

An Act to make Venereal Disease an Impediment to Marriage

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *The Marriage Protection (Venereal Disease) Act, 1928*. Short title.

2. No person shall be legally capable to contract marriage in Canada, who has venereal disease or is otherwise, because of venereal disease, mentally or physically unfit to be married. Incapacity to marry in certain cases.

3. (1) The certificate of a lawfully qualified medical practitioner residing and practising in Canada shall be *primâ facie* proof that a person has not venereal disease and is not otherwise, because of venereal disease, mentally or physically unfit to be married. Proof of capacity.

(2) Every such certificate shall bear date not more than ten days next before the date upon which it is intended that the marriage shall be solemnized and shall be in the form set forth in Schedule A to this Act. Form.

SCHEDULE A

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

The Marriage Protection (Venereal Disease) Act, 1928

I (*names in full of medical practitioner*), of (*place of residence*), in the county of....., in the (*province of or as the case may be*)....., in the Dominion of Canada, hereby certify—

(1) That I am duly qualified under the law of the said province to practise medicine therein and I reside and practise at..... aforesaid;

(2) That I have within ten days next before the date of this certificate examined the mental and physical condition of (*names in full of person examined*), of (*place of residence of person examined*), in the said province, (*occupation of person examined*);

(3) That as the result of such examination I am of opinion that, at the date of this certificate, the said (*names in full of person examined*) has no venereal disease, and is not otherwise, because of any venereal disease, mentally or physically unfit to be married.

Dated at..... aforesaid, this..... day of, A.D. 19 ..

(*Signature of medical practitioner.*)