

**Eugenical Sterilization in the United States**

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**Persons Subject.** Inmates of state hospitals for the insane, state prisons, reformatories, and charitable institutions; rapists, and confirmed criminals in penal institutions.

**Executive Agencies Provided.** Board of examiners consisting of one surgeon, one neurologist, one practitioner of medicine appointed by the governor for five years, one of its members being appointed by the Board to perform the operation. All orders shall be subject to review by Supreme Court or any justice thereof.

**Basis of Selection: Procedure.** Decision by majority of board, after examining mental and physical condition of the subject, his record and family history, of the improbability of improvement of his condition and the consequent inadvisability of procreation, or of the probability of substantial improvement of the subject's condition thereby.”

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