

Birth-Control Martyr, Once Jailed, Aids State

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VALLEY STREAM, L. I., May 14—Last year William R. Baird Jr. spent May 13 and 14 in jail for handing out birth control information in violation of what was then a state law prohibiting such action. Today he accepted an invitation to become a family-planning adviser to the state.

State Senator Norman F. Lent, Republican of East Rockaway, co-chairman of the Joint Legislation Committee on Health and on Mental Hygiene, said Mr. Baird was one of 125 health and care specialists who had been invited to advise the committee.

Mr. Baird, a 33-year-old former medical student, operates a birth-control clinic in Hempstead and a mobile clinic that visits poverty areas in such sections as Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant in New York City. He lives here with his wife, Eve, and their four children.

The state law that banned the dissemination of birth-control information and devices was repealed last July.

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