

1907 Indiana Eugenic Law

In 1907 Indiana passed the world's first eugenics law. Eugenics, also known as "scientific racism" or "racial hygiene," rationalized the sterilization of the "unfit" many of whom were poor, in order to keep the white race "pure" and "supreme." The law was on the books until 1974.



These markers are located just west/behind the state capitol building on the first block of North Senate Avenue.