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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AUGUST 31, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 13, 1970 (P.L.19, No.10), entitled  
2 "An act enabling certain minors to consent to medical, dental  
3 and health services, declaring consent unnecessary under  
4 certain circumstances," providing for vaccine-preventable  
5 diseases.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of February 13, 1970 (P.L.19, No.10),  
9 entitled "An act enabling certain minors to consent to medical,  
10 dental and health services, declaring consent unnecessary under  
11 certain circumstances," is amended by adding a section to read:

12 Section 4.1. Vaccine-Preventable Diseases.--The following  
13 shall apply to consent to receive immunizations:

14 (1) A minor who is fourteen years of age or older may give  
15 effective consent to receive a vaccine if the vaccine is  
16 recommended by the United States Advisory Committee on  
17 Immunization Practices and the vaccine will be provided in  
18 accordance with the committee's recommended immunization  
19 schedule.

1       (2) The minor's parent's or legal guardian's consent may not  
2 be necessary to receive a vaccine under paragraph (1).

3       (3) A minor or another parent or legal guardian may not  
4 abrogate consent provided by a parent or legal guardian on the  
5 minor's behalf for a vaccine under paragraph (1), nor may a  
6 parent or legal guardian abrogate consent given by the minor on  
7 the minor's behalf.

8       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.