

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 856 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY CAPPELLETTI, SAVAL, MUTH, COLLETT, KANE AND L. WILLIAMS, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

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 6. 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 recommendations for
 19 administration of the vaccination.

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 who is fourteen years of age or older shall have
4 the right to decline a vaccination for which a parent or legal
5 guardian has otherwise given consent.

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