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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, SCHIMEL, GOTTFRIED, DINOWITZ, MAYERSOHN, JACOBS, HOYT, JAFFEE, ALFANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, BROOK-KRASNY, JEFFRIES, MARKEY, PHEFFER, RUSSELL, TITONE, WALKER, WRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing medical care to minors for sexually transmitted diseases without a parent's or guardian's consent

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The section heading of section 2305 of the public health  
2 law, as amended by chapter 878 of the laws of 1980, is amended to read  
3 as follows:  
4     Sexually transmissible diseases; CARE AND treatment [by licensed  
5 physician or staff physician of a hospital; prescriptions] ; CONSENT BY  
6 MINORS.  
7     S 2. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 2305 of the public health law, as  
8 amended by chapter 878 of the laws of 1980, are amended to read as  
9 follows:  
10     2. (A) A [licensed physician, or in a hospital, a staff physician,]  
11 HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER may diagnose, treat or prescribe CURATIVE  
12 TREATMENT FOR A SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASE for a person under the  
13 age of [twenty-one] EIGHTEEN years without the consent or knowledge of  
14 the parents or [guardian] GUARDIANS of said person, where such person is  
15 infected with a sexually transmissible disease, or has been exposed to  
16 infection with a sexually transmissible disease.  
17     (B) A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER MAY PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE RELATED TO THE  
18 PREVENTION OF A SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASE, INCLUDING ADMINISTERING  
19 VACCINES, TO A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS WITHOUT THE  
20 CONSENT OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF SUCH PERSON,  
21 PROVIDED THAT THE PERSON HAS CAPACITY TO CONSENT TO THE CARE, WITHOUT  
22 REGARD TO THE PERSON'S AGE, AND THE PERSON CONSENTS.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1     3. For the purposes of this section, [the term]  
2     (A) "hospital" shall mean a hospital as defined in article twenty-  
3 eight of this chapter;  
4     (B) "SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASE" SHALL INCLUDE ANY INFECTION OR  
5 DISEASE THAT IS TRANSMISSIBLE BY SEXUAL CONTACT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER  
6 IT IS A SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASE UNDER SECTION TWENTY-THREE  
7 HUNDRED ELEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER; AND  
8     (C) "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" SHALL MEAN A PERSON LICENSED, CERTIFIED  
9 OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCATION  
10 LAW, ACTING WITHIN HIS OR HER LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE.  
11     S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.