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H.B. No. 296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the capacity of certain minors to consent to maternal
3 health care.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.003, Family Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (g) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) A child may consent to medical, dental, psychological,
9 and surgical treatment for the child by a licensed physician or
10 dentist if the child:

11 (1) is on active duty with the armed services of the
12 United States of America;

13 (2) is:

14 (A) 16 years of age or older and resides separate
15 and apart from the child's parents, managing conservator, or
16 guardian, with or without the consent of the parents, managing
17 conservator, or guardian and regardless of the duration of the
18 residence; and

19 (B) managing the child's own financial affairs,
20 regardless of the source of the income;

21 (3) consents to the diagnosis and treatment of an
22 infectious, contagious, or communicable disease that is required by
23 law or a rule to be reported by the licensed physician or dentist to
24 a local health officer or the [~~Texas~~] Department of State Health

1 Services, including all diseases within the scope of Section
2 81.041, Health and Safety Code;

3 (4) is unmarried and pregnant and consents to
4 hospital, medical, or surgical treatment, other than abortion,
5 related to the pregnancy;

6 (5) consents to examination and treatment for drug or
7 chemical addiction, drug or chemical dependency, or any other
8 condition directly related to drug or chemical use;

9 (6) is unmarried, is the parent of a child, and has
10 actual custody of his or her child and consents to medical, dental,
11 psychological, or surgical treatment for the child; ~~or~~

12 (7) is serving a term of confinement in a facility
13 operated by or under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal
14 Justice, unless the treatment would constitute a prohibited
15 practice under Section 164.052(a)(19), Occupations Code; or

16 (8) is unmarried, is the mother of a child, and
17 consents to examination or contraception-related medical
18 treatment, other than abortion.

19 (g) In this section, "contraception" means any reversible
20 method of preventing pregnancy that is approved by the United
21 States Food and Drug Administration.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.