

Substitute House Bill No. 7213

Public Act No. 25-28

## AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Health care provider" means any person, corporation, limited liability company, facility or institution operated, owned or licensed by the state to provide health care or other professional services, or an officer, employee or agent thereof acting in the course and scope of his or her employment;

(2) "Minor child" means a person who is under eighteen years of age;

(3) "Physician" means a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes; and

(4) "Services, examination or treatment related to pregnancy and pregnancy prevention" (A) includes, but is not limited to, contraceptive counseling and services, prenatal care and appropriate care and pain management during labor and delivery, including, but not limited to, epidural administration, but (B) does not include sterilization.

(b) Any minor child may give consent for services, examination or

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treatment related to pregnancy and pregnancy prevention without the consent or notification of the minor child's parent or guardian.

(c) No physician or other health care provider shall divulge any information concerning the provision to a minor child of such services, examination or treatment, or any consultation for such services, examination or treatment, including, but not limited to, by sending a bill for such services, examination or treatment, to the minor child's parent or guardian without the minor child's express consent.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the obligation, if any, of a physician or other health care provider to make a report to the Department of Public Health or Children and Families, or to make any other report or disclosure that may be required pursuant to state law.

(e) Any parent or guardian who was not informed of the provision of such services, examination or treatment to such parent's or guardian's minor child, shall not be liable for the costs of such services, examination or treatment.

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