**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-350 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICES TO MINORS WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT, TO PROHIBIT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 63-5-350 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 63-5-350. (A) ~~Health services of any kind may be rendered to minors of any age without the consent of a parent or legal guardian when, in the judgment of a person authorized by law to render a particular health service, such services are deemed necessary unless such involves an operation which shall be performed only if such is essential to the health or life of such child in the opinion of the performing physician and a consultant physician if one is available.~~ Health services may be provided to a minor without the consent of his parent or legal guardian if a person legally authorized to provide a particular health service determines that, in his professional judgment, the health service is necessary. If the necessary health service is an operation, then the operation may be performed without the consent of the minor’s parent or legal guardian if the operation is determined by the physician performing the operation and a consulting physician, if one is available, to be necessary for the minor’s health or the preservation of the minor’s life.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in subsection (A), COVID-19 vaccinations may not be provided to a minor without the consent of a parent or legal guardian.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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