

CHAPTER 599

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599.1 Period of minority — exception for certain inmates.

1. The period of minority extends to the age of eighteen years, but all minors attain their majority by marriage.

2. A person who is less than eighteen years old, but who is tried, convicted, and sentenced as an adult and committed to the custody of the director of the department of corrections shall be deemed to have attained the age of majority for purposes of making decisions and giving consent to medical care, related services, and treatment during the period of the person’s incarceration.

[C51, §1487; R60, §2539; C73, §2237; C97, §3188; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §10492; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §599.1]

[93 Acts, ch 46, §2](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1062, §94](#)

Referred to in [§97B.34A](#), [144G.1](#), [421.59](#), [915.38](#)

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599.2 Contracts — disaffirmance.

A minor is bound not only by contracts for necessities, but also by the minor’s other contracts, unless the minor disaffirms them within a reasonable time after attaining majority, and restores to the other party all money or property received by the minor by virtue of the contract, and remaining within the minor’s control at any time after attaining majority except as otherwise provided.

[C51, §1488; R60, §2540; C73, §2238; C97, §3189; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §10493; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §599.2]

599.3 Misrepresentations — engaging in business.

No contract can be thus disaffirmed in cases where, on account of the minor’s own misrepresentations as to the minor’s majority, or from the minor’s having engaged in business as an adult, the other party had good reason to believe the minor capable of contracting.

[C51, §1489; R60, §2541; C73, §2239; C97, §3190; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §10494; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §599.3]

599.4 Payments.

Where a contract for the personal services of a minor has been made with the minor alone, and the services are afterwards performed, payment therefor made to the minor, in accordance with the terms of the contract, is a full satisfaction therefor, and the parent or guardian cannot recover a second time.

[C51, §1490; R60, §2542; C73, §2240; C97, §3191; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §10495; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §599.4]

599.5 Veterans minority disabilities.

The disability of minority of any person otherwise eligible for guaranty or insurance of a loan pursuant to the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944,* as amended and of the minor spouse of any eligible veteran, irrespective of age, in connection with any transaction entered into pursuant to said Act, as amended, is hereby removed for all purposes in connection with such transaction, including but not limited to incurring of indebtedness or obligations, and acquiring, encumbering, selling, releasing or conveying property or any interest therein, and litigating or settling controversies arising therefrom, if all or part of any obligations incident to such transaction be guaranteed or insured by the secretary of the United States department of veterans affairs pursuant to such Act; provided, nevertheless, that [this section](#) shall not be

construed to impose any other or greater rights or liabilities than would exist if such person and such spouse were under no such disability.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §599.5]

[2009 Acts, ch 26, §17](#)

*58 Stat. 291; recodified, 72 Stat. 1105, 1273; now covered by 38 U.S.C. §3701 et seq.

599.6 Donation of blood by minors.

1. A person who is seventeen years of age or older may consent to donate blood in a voluntary and noncompensatory blood program without the permission of a parent or guardian. The consent is not subject to later disaffirmance because of minority.

2. A person who is sixteen years of age may donate blood in a voluntary and noncompensatory blood program if the person obtains written permission from the person's parent or guardian.

[83 Acts, ch 13, §1](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1025, §1](#)