

House File 814 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a pregnant minor's legal capacity to consent
2 to the provision of certain medical care.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **135.196 Pregnancy care for**
2 **minors.**

3 1. If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a minor is
4 not reasonably available, the minor shall have the legal capacity
5 to give consent to the provision of prenatal care, intrapartum
6 care, or postnatal care to the minor by a physician, a
7 physician's designee, an advanced registered nurse practitioner,
8 a physician assistant, a registered nurse, a licensed practical
9 nurse, or an emergency medical care provider.

10 2. Subsection 1 shall not be construed to relieve a
11 physician, a physician's designee, an advanced registered nurse
12 practitioner, a physician assistant, a registered nurse, a
13 licensed practical nurse, or an emergency medical care provider
14 of the duty to obtain informed consent from the minor patient for
15 the provision of such care.

16 **EXPLANATION**

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to the legal capacity of a pregnant minor
20 to consent to certain medical care. If a parent, guardian, or
21 legal custodian is not reasonably available, a minor shall have
22 the legal capacity to give consent to the provision of prenatal,
23 intrapartum, and postnatal care by certain health care providers.
24 The bill does not relieve the health care provider of the duty to
25 obtain informed consent from the minor.