

Senate File 304 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 304
BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 120)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing an exception to a minor's legal capacity to
2 consent to the provision of medical care or services for a
3 sexually transmitted disease or infection.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 139A.35, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **139A.35 Minors.**

4 A With the exception of the provision of a vaccination for
5 a sexually transmitted disease or infection, a minor shall have
6 the legal capacity to act and give consent to the provision
7 of medical care or services to the minor for the prevention,
8 diagnosis, or treatment of a sexually transmitted disease or
9 infection by a hospital, clinic, or health care provider.
10 Such medical care or services shall be provided by or under
11 the supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine
12 and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, a physician
13 assistant, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner. Consent
14 shall not be subject to later disaffirmance by reason of such
15 minority. The consent of another person, including but not
16 limited to the consent of a spouse, parent, custodian, or
17 guardian, shall not be necessary.

18 **EXPLANATION**

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

21 This bill relates to the legal capacity of a minor to consent
22 to the provision of medical care or services to the minor for
23 the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of a sexually transmitted
24 disease or infection. Under Code section 139A.35, a minor
25 has the legal capacity to act and give consent to provision
26 of medical care or services to the minor for the prevention,
27 diagnosis, or treatment of a sexually transmitted disease or
28 infection. Under the bill, a minor does not have the legal
29 capacity to consent to the provision of vaccinations for a
30 sexually transmitted disease or infection.