

House File 2564 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 814)

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:

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

2 1. If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a minor
3 is not reasonably available, the minor shall have the
4 legal capacity to give consent to the provision of prenatal
5 care, intrapartum care, or postnatal care to the minor by a
6 physician, a physician's designee, an advanced registered
7 nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, a registered nurse,
8 a licensed practical nurse, or an emergency medical care
9 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
15 for 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,
21 or legal custodian is not reasonably available, a minor shall
22 have the legal capacity to give consent to the provision of
23 prenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care by certain health
24 care providers. The bill does not relieve the health care
25 provider of the duty to obtain informed consent from the minor.