

## CHAPTER 1025

### LEGAL CAPACITY TO CONSENT TO PRENATAL, INTRAPARTUM, OR POSTNATAL CARE — MINOR WITHOUT AVAILABLE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN

*H.F. 2564*

**AN ACT** relating to a pregnant minor's legal capacity to consent to the provision of certain medical care.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

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

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

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

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