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2 By Senator Weaver
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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a minor who is 14 years of age or older, or is a high school graduate, is married, having been married is divorced, or is pregnant, may consent to certain medical treatments for himself or herself.

Also under existing law, a minor may consent to medical treatment to determine the presence of, or to treat, pregnancy, venereal diseases, and drug or alcohol dependency.

This bill would provide that a minor who is married, or having been married is divorced, may consent to his or her own medical treatment.

This bill would also provide that a minor who is pregnant may not consent to medical treatment to treat the pregnancy.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to consent to medical treatment; to amend Sections 22-8-4 and 22-8-6, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide that a minor who is married or divorced may consent to certain



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29 medical treatment; and to provide that a pregnant minor may
30 not consent to certain pregnancy-related treatment.

31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

32 Section 1. Sections 22-8-4 and 22-8-6, Code of Alabama
33 1975, are amended to read as follows:

34 "§22-8-4

35 Any minor who is ~~14 years of age or older, or has~~
36 ~~graduated from high school, or is~~ married, or having been
37 married is divorced, ~~or is pregnant~~ may give effective consent
38 to any legally authorized medical, dental, ~~health~~ or mental
39 health services for himself or herself, and the consent of no
40 other ~~person~~ individual shall be necessary."

41 "§22-8-6

42 Any minor may give effective consent for any legally
43 authorized medical, ~~health~~ or mental health services to
44 determine the presence of pregnancy, ~~or and to determine the~~
45 presence of or to treat, ~~pregnancy~~, venereal disease, drug
46 dependency, alcohol toxicity or any reportable disease, and
47 the consent of no other ~~person~~ individual shall be deemed
48 necessary."

49 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
50 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
51 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.