

No. 10

AN ACT

HB 775

Enabling certain minors to consent to medical, dental and health services, declaring consent unnecessary under certain circumstances.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Individual Consent.—Any minor who is eighteen years of age or older, or has graduated from high school, or has married, or has been pregnant, may give effective consent to medical, dental and health services for himself or herself, and the consent of no other person shall be necessary.

Section 2. Consent for Children with Minor Parents.—Any minor who has been married or has borne a child may give effective consent to medical, dental and health services for his or her child.

Section 3. Pregnancy, Venereal Disease and Other Reportable Diseases.—Any minor may give effective consent for medical and health services to determine the presence of or to treat pregnancy, and venereal disease and other diseases reportable under the act of April 23, 1956 (P.L.1510), known as the "Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955," and the consent of no other person shall be necessary.

Section 4. When Consent Unnecessary.—Medical, dental and health services may be rendered to minors of any age without the consent of a parent or legal guardian when, in the physician's judgment, an attempt to secure consent would result in delay of treatment which would increase the risk to the minor's life or health.

Section 5. Liability for Rendering Services.—The consent of a minor who professes to be, but is not a minor whose consent alone is effective to medical, dental and health services shall be deemed effective without the consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian, if the physician or other person relied in good faith upon the representations of the minor.

APPROVED—The 13th day of February, A. D. 1970.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 10.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.