

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:

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

3 **139A.35 Minors.**

4 A With the exception of the provision of a vaccination for a
5 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.
14 Consent shall not be subject to later disaffirmance by reason
15 of such minority. The consent of another person, including but
16 not 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
23 for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of a sexually
24 transmitted disease or infection. Under Code section 139A.35,
25 a minor has the legal capacity to act and give consent to
26 provision of medical care or services to the minor for the
27 prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of a sexually transmitted
28 disease or infection. Under the bill, a minor does not have
29 the legal capacity to consent to the provision of vaccinations
30 for a sexually transmitted disease or infection.