

HB 964 “PUBLIC HEALTH – ABORTIONS SOUGHT BY MINORS – PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT”

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WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

- Requires minors seeking an abortion to have parental consent, or petition the court for a waiver

WHY HB 1335

- If a minor is seeking an abortion a parent should know what is going on
- Current Maryland law is ineffective and parents may not even be notified that their child is considering a life altering procedure
- Parental consent help prevent human trafficking, as when parents aren't available to sign consent, flags may be raised

ACTIVITIES YOU MUST HAVE PARENTAL APPROVAL OR BE AN ADULT TO DO

- Donate Blood and Plasma
- Smoke
- Light fireworks
- Purchase a Vehicle
- Rent an Apartment/Buy a house
- Get a Tattoo/Piercing
- Gamble
- Adopt a child or pet
- Sell things to Pawn Brokers
- Marry
- Vote
- Sit on Jury Duty
- Skydive/Bungee Jump
- Sue someone

PARENTS SHOULD KNOW AND PROVIDE CONSENT

- If their child is pregnant, parents should know so that they can help the child make the best decision possible for their situation
- If a child is considering an abortion, parents should know and consent, as there are many physical and emotional consequences of having an abortion, including:
 - Physical consequences can be as minimal as cramping, and as serious as infection, perforation of the uterus, and death¹
 - Emotional consequences include anger, depression, anxiety, insomnia, and others²

BIG DECISIONS

- Is a young teenager really equipped to make a decision that could have such devastating physical and emotional consequences all by themselves?

PARENTS HELP

- Parents should know when their daughter is planning to make a life-altering decision, both if the child is choosing life or if the child is seeking an abortion
- Parents can help walk a child through the choice that they are going to make and help them make an informed decision that is not based on the fear of having a child

PLEASE VOTE FAVORABLY TO HB 964

Questions?