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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 2112**

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## **AN ACT**

To repeal section 431.061, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to contraceptives for minors, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 431.061, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 191.722 and 431.061, to read as follows:

191.722. 1. No licensed health care professional with prescriptive authority shall prescribe or dispense, no licensed pharmacy shall dispense, and no person shall give or otherwise provide any contraceptive drug or device to any unemancipated minor without the consent of the minor's parent. Any prescription for a contraceptive drug or device prescribed for an unemancipated minor shall include a notation that parental consent was obtained by the prescribing health care professional. Any person who gives or otherwise provides any contraceptive drug or device to an unemancipated minor shall maintain a record of the written consents obtained from such minor's parents.

2. Any licensed health care professional with prescriptive authority who prescribes or dispenses, any licensed pharmacy or pharmacist that dispenses a prescription for, or any person who gives or otherwise provides a contraceptive drug or device to an unemancipated minor with a good faith belief that the parental consent required in subsection 1 of this section has been properly obtained and it is subsequently determined that such parental consent was not properly obtained shall not be civilly or criminally

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liable for prescribing, dispensing, giving, or otherwise providing such contraceptive drug
or device to an unemancipated minor.

- 3. Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.
- 431.061. 1. In addition to such other persons as may be so authorized and empowered, any one of the following persons if otherwise competent to contract, is authorized and empowered to consent, either orally or otherwise, to any surgical, medical, or other treatment or procedures not prohibited by law:
  - (1) Any adult eighteen years of age or older for himself **or herself**;
  - (2) Any parent for his **or her** minor child in his **or her** legal custody;
  - (3) Any minor who has been lawfully married and any minor parent or legal custodian of a child for himself **or herself**, his **or her** child and any child in his **or her** legal custody;
    - (4) Any minor for himself **or herself** in case of:
- 10 (a) Pregnancy, but excluding:
- a. Abortions; and

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- b. Contraceptive drugs and devices for an unemancipated minor as required undersection 191.722, RSMo;
  - (b) Venereal disease;
  - (c) Drug or substance abuse including those referred to in chapter 195, RSMo;
- 16 (5) Any adult standing in loco parentis, whether serving formally or not, for his **or her**17 minor charge in case of emergency as defined in section 431.063;
  - (6) Any guardian of the person for his **or her** ward;
- 19 (7) During the absence of a parent so authorized and empowered, any adult for his **or her** 20 minor brother or sister;
- 21 (8) During the absence of a parent so authorized and empowered, any grandparent for 22 his **or her** minor grandchild;
  - (9) "Absence" as used in (7) and (8) above shall mean absent at a time when further delay occasioned by an attempt to obtain a consent may jeopardize the life, health or limb of the person affected, or may result in disfigurement or impairment of faculties.
  - 2. For purposes of consent to hospitalization or medical, surgical or other treatment or procedures, a "minor" shall be defined as any person under eighteen years of age and an "adult" shall be defined as any person eighteen years of age or older.
  - 3. The provisions of sections 431.061 and 431.063 shall be liberally construed, and all relationships set forth in subsection 1 of this section shall include the adoptive and step-relationship as well as the natural relationship and the relationship by the half blood as well as by the whole blood.

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4. A consent by one person so authorized and empowered shall be sufficient notwithstanding that there are other persons so authorized and empowered or that such other persons shall refuse or decline to consent or shall protest against the proposed surgical, medical or other treatment or procedures.

5. Any person acting in good faith and not having been put on notice to the contrary shall be justified in relying on the representations of any person purporting to give such consent, including, but not limited to, his **or her** identity, his **or her** age, his **or her** marital status, and his **or her** relationship to any other person for whom the consent is purportedly given.

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