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HOUSE BILL NO. 1243

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 451, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to emancipated minors.

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

Section A. Chapter 451, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 451.015, to read as follows:

3 **451.015. A minor who is legally married under the provisions of this chapter**
4 **shall be considered an emancipated minor and shall be qualified and competent to**
5 **contract for housing, employment, purchase of an automobile, receipt of a student loan,**
6 **or admission to high school or postsecondary school, obtaining medical and mental**
7 **health care, establishing a bank account, admission to a shelter for victims of domestic**
8 **violence as that phrase is used in sections 455.200 to 455.220, a rape crisis center as**
9 **defined in section 455.003, or a homeless shelter, and receipt of services as a victim of**
10 **domestic violence or sexual assault as such terms are defined in section 455.010**
11 **including, but not limited to, counseling, court advocacy, financial assistance, and other**
advocacy services. An emancipated minor may also commence, prosecute, or defend
any action in his or her own name as the real party in interest.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.