

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2373

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHRIST.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to children's access to health care services.

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

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.709, to read as follows:

191.709. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Dismiss", to terminate an established physician-patient relationship;

(2) "Health care provider", the same meaning given to the term in section 376.1350;

(3) "Health care service", the same meaning given to the term in section 376.1350;

(4) "Vaccination status", a minor child's status with regard to whether the child has received a vaccination against one or more diseases.

2. A health care provider shall not refuse, withhold from, or deny a minor child any health care service based on the child's vaccination status.

3. A physician or physician group in a medical practice shall not dismiss a minor child patient from the practice based on the willingness or refusal to consent to vaccination of the child on the part of the parent or other person authorized to consent for the child.

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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.