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*Irrespective of any by-law, rule or regulation made or approved by the State Board of Education, nothing shall prohibit the use of corporal punishment by a principal, OR vice-principal, or teacher in the county school system in ~~Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties.~~ CAROLINE, CECIL, DORCHESTER, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S, SOMERSET, WICOMICO, WORCESTER AND TALBOT ALLEGANY, ANNE ARUNDEL, CAROLINE, CECIL, CHARLES, DORCHESTER, GARRETT, HARFORD, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S, SOMERSET, TALBOT, WASHINGTON, WICOMICO AND WORCESTER COUNTIES. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF EACH OF THE HEREIN NAMED COUNTIES MAY ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 28, 1971.

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CHAPTER 758

(Senate Bill 201)

AN ACT to repeal Section 135 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Practitioners of Medicine," and to enact new Section 135 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, to provide that, in certain circumstances, a minor shall have the same capacity to consent to medical treatment as an adult.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 135 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Practitioners of Medicine," be and it is hereby repealed and that a new Section 135 be enacted to read as follows:*

135.

[(a) The consent to the provision of medical or surgical care or services by a hospital, public clinic, or the performance of medical or surgical care or services by a physician, licensed to practice medicine, when executed by a minor who is or professes to be married, or by a female minor who is, or professes to be pregnant, or by a minor who is or professes to be afflicted with a venereal disease, shall be valid and binding as if the minor had achieved his or her majority, as the case may be; that is, a minor who is or professes to be married, or a female minor who is, or professes to be pregnant, or a minor who is or professes to be afflicted with a venereal disease, shall be deemed to have and shall have the same legal capacity to act, and the same legal obligations with regard to the giving of such consent to a hospital or clinical care or services or medical or surgical care or services to be provided by a physician licensed to