

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain persons to consent to the immunization of a minor if a parent or certain other responsible individuals are unavailable under certain circumstances; prohibiting consent by another person if ~~the parent or other responsible individuals expressly refuses to give consent to an immunization~~ under certain circumstances; authorizing the delegation of consent by a parent or certain other responsible individuals; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations; authorizing the Juvenile Services Administration to consent to immunization in certain circumstances; providing limited liability from immunity for certain persons; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the consent to immunization of a minor.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 18-4A-01 through 18-4A-05 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4A. Consent to Immunization of Minors"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 4A. CONSENT TO IMMUNIZATION OF MINORS

18-4A-01.

~~(A) THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS MAY CONSENT TO THE IMMUNIZATION OF A MINOR IF A PARENT, GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR, OR OTHER PERSON WHO, UNDER A COURT ORDER, MAY CONSENT FOR THE MINOR CANNOT BE CONTACTED AND THE AUTHORITY TO CONSENT IS NOT DENIED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION:~~

- ~~(1) A GRANDPARENT;~~
- ~~(2) AN ADULT BROTHER OR SISTER;~~
- ~~(3) AN ADULT AUNT OR UNCLE;~~
- ~~(4) A STEPPARENT;~~

~~(5) AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN WHICH THE MINOR IS ENROLLED AND THAT HAS WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT FOR THE MINOR FROM A PARENT, GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR, OR OTHER PERSON WHO, UNDER A COURT ORDER, MAY CONSENT FOR THE MINOR;~~

~~(6) ANOTHER ADULT WHO HAS CARE AND CONTROL OF THE MINOR AND HAS WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT FOR THE MINOR FROM A PARENT, GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR, OR OTHER PERSON WHO, UNDER A COURT ORDER, MAY CONSENT FOR THE MINOR;~~

~~(7) A COURT THAT HAS JURISDICTION OF A SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP OF WHICH THE MINOR IS THE SUBJECT;~~