

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 20-104

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

20-104.

(a) (1) A minor who is 16 years old or older has the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a physician or a clinic.

(2) THE CAPACITY OF A MINOR TO CONSENT TO CONSULTATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF A MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL DISORDER BY A PHYSICIAN OR A CLINIC UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CAPACITY TO REFUSE CONSULTATION, DIAGNOSIS, OR TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL DISORDER FOR WHICH A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN OF THE MINOR HAS GIVEN CONSENT.

(b) Without the consent of or over the express objection of a minor, the attending physician or, on advice or direction of the attending physician, a member of the medical staff of a hospital or public clinic may, but need not, give a parent, guardian, or custodian of the minor or the spouse of the parent information about treatment needed by the minor or provided to the minor under this section.

(c) Unless the parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor consents to consultation, diagnosis, or treatment of the minor, the parent, guardian, or custodian is not liable for any costs of the consultation, diagnosis, or treatment of the minor under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved April 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 218

(House Bill 257)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - GBMC HealthCare, Inc.

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$527,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of GBMC