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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-505)
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 220,
L.D. 604, Bill, "AN ACT to Insure Parental Participation
in a Minor's Decision to have an Abortion."

Amend the Amendment in that part designated "§1597."
by striking out all of paragraphs C and D of subsection 2.

Further amend the Amendment in that part designated
"§1597." by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting
in its place the following:

' 4. Exception. If, after professional consultation with
the minor, in the medical judgment of the / physician
there is evidence
that the notification would result in harm to the
health of the minor, then notice under subsection
2 shall not be required.'

If a physician does not give notice under subsection 2, he
shall notify the Department of Human Services in writing of
the exception to notification when he next files a report
required by section 1596. The notice shall be confidential and
not open to public inspection. This notice shall contain a
statement of the number of abortions performed on unemancipated
minors when the person performing the abortion was unable to give
notice as required by subsection 2.'

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Statement of Fact

The variability and complexity of individual situations preclude an absolute rule of parental notification. In some instances, the potential for mental or physical harm is known to the minor patient and the physician.

The amendment also provides statistical information to the department for future use.

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