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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" 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 and in the professional medical judgment of the physician, there is the <sup>serious</sup> probability that the notification would result in physical abuse to the minor, then notice under subsection 2 shall not be required.

If a physican 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.'

Statement of Fact

The variability and complexity of individual situations preclude an absolute rule of parental notification. In some rare instances, the potential for physical abuse is known to

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the minor patient and the physician.

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

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