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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 826, L.D. 1189, Bill, "An Act To Define the Age of Consent for Alcohol or Drug Treatment and Mental Health Services"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1502 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "14" and inserting the following: '12'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1502 in the first paragraph by striking out all of the last 2 sentences (page 1, lines 9 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following: 'If a minor 12 years of age or older consents to such treatment, a parent or guardian may not abrogate that consent.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, changes from 14 years of age to 12 years of age the age of a minor who may consent to treatment for abuse of alcohol or drugs or for emotional or psychological problems. It removes the provision that prevents a minor from abrogating the consent of the minor's parent or guardian. The bill provides that a parent or guardian may not abrogate the consent to treatment provided by a minor 14 years of age or older; the amendment changes that age to 12 years of age or older.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT