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BILL SUMMARY



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LD:

379

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO
NOTARY PUBLIC

MAYBURY
CHALMERS
STETSON

ONTP

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to clarify certain provisions concerning notaries public and provide clearer guidelines concerning the duties and responsibilities of notaries public, including the requirement of impartiality in performance of notarial acts.

LD:

387

AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARENTAL CONSENT IN THE
CASE OF MINORS' ABORTIONS

CARRIER
BROWN A
STEVENSON
HICHENS

OTP-AM

HOUSE Adhered to Eng. with CB
SENATE Adhered to Eng. with CA
GOV

H-408	CA	REP A		S
H-409	CB	REP B	H	
H-410	CC	REP C		
S-290	SA/CA	BUSTIN		

SUMMARY:

Sought to require parental consent or a judicial bypass procedure for unemancipated minors seeking an abortion:

1. Committee Amendment B, patterned after a Missouri statute, would have required an unemancipated minor under the age of 18 to receive the consent of a parent or guardian to her abortion, to be granted the right to self-consent to the abortion by a court, or to receive a court order that an abortion is in the minor's best interests. In a traditional court procedure, though one that would guard the minor's privacy and expedite the hearing, a judge would hear evidence on the minor's petition and determine her maturity or best interests.

2. Committee Amendment A would have required an unmarried minor under the age of 16 to receive the consent of a parent or guardian to her abortion, to be granted the right to self-consent to the abortion by a court, or to receive a court order that an abortion is in the minor's best interests. The determination of the minor's maturity or best interests would have been made by a master, appointed by the court and possessing qualifications as a licensed mental health professional, in a procedure more informal than a traditional court procedure.