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ASSEMBLY, No. 331

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1974 SESSION

By Assemblyman FROUDE

AN ACT to amend the title of "An act concerning consent by minors to treatment for venereal disease," approved July 31, 1968 (P. L. 1968, c. 230) so that the same shall read "An act concerning consent by minors to treatment for venereal disease and for certain other physical and mental illnesses" and to amend the body of said act.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The title of P. L. 1968, c. 230 is amended to read as follows:

2 AN ACT concerning consent by minors to treatment for venereal
3 disease *and for certain other physical and mental illnesses.*

1 2. Section 1 of P. L. 1968, c. 230 (C. 9:17A-4) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 1. The consent to the provisions of medical or surgical care or
4 services by a hospital, public clinic, or the performance of medical
5 or surgical care or services by a physician, licensed to practice
6 medicine, when executed by a minor who is or professes to be
7 afflicted with a venereal disease, shall be valid and binding as if
8 the minor had achieved his or her majority, as the case may be.
9 Any such consent shall not be subject to later disaffirmance by
10 reason of minority.

11 *When a minor believes that he is suffering from the use of drugs*
12 *or is a drug dependent person as defined in N. J. S. A. 24:21-2, his*
13 *consent to treatment under the supervision of a physician licensed*
14 *to practice medicine shall be valid and binding as if the minor had*
15 *achieved his or her majority, as the case may be. Any such consent*
16 *shall not be subject to later disaffirmance by reason of minority.*
17 *Treatment for drug use or drug abuse that is consented to by a*
18 *minor shall be considered confidential information between the*
19 *physician and his patient and neither the minor nor his physician*

20 *shall be required to report such treatment, when it is the result of*
21 *voluntary consent, except as may be required by the Con-*
22 *trolled Dangerous Substances Registry Act of 1970. (C. 26:2G-17*
23 *et seq.).*

24 The consent of no other person or persons, including but not
25 limited to a spouse, parent, custodian or guardian, shall be neces-
26 sary in order to authorize such hospital or clinical care or services
27 or medical or surgical care or services to be provided by a physician
28 licensed to practice medicine to such a minor.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Many minors are reluctant or do not seek qualified medical aid when they have a drug abuse problem. This bill will allow a minor to seek competent medical aid in a confidential manner.