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SENATE BILL 766

Short Title: Notarized Consent for Minor's Abortion. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brock; Hunt and Tillman.

Referred to: Health Care.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO PARENTAL CONSENT FOR
3 A MINOR TO OBTAIN AN ABORTION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-21.7 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 90-21.7. Parental consent required.**

7 (a) No physician licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina shall perform an
8 abortion upon an unemancipated minor unless the physician or agent thereof or another
9 physician or agent thereof first obtains the written consent of the minor and of:

- 10 (1) A parent with custody of the minor; or
11 (2) The legal guardian or legal custodian of the minor; or
12 (3) A parent with whom the minor is living; or
13 (4) A grandparent with whom the minor has been living for at least six months
14 immediately preceding the date of the minor's written consent.

15 (a1) The written consent required by subsection (a) of this section shall be either signed
16 at the facility where the abortion is to be performed or acknowledged before a notary public.
17 The physician shall retain in the medical records of the minor a copy of the documentary
18 evidence from which the physician determined that the adult who gave consent for the abortion
19 was authorized to give that consent under subsection (a) of this section.

20 (b) The pregnant minor may petition, on her own behalf or by guardian ad litem, the
21 district court judge assigned to the juvenile proceedings in the district court where the minor
22 resides or where she is physically present for a waiver of the parental consent requirement if:

- 23 (1) None of the persons from whom consent must be obtained pursuant to this
24 section is available to the physician performing the abortion or the
25 physician's agent or the referring physician or the agent thereof within a
26 reasonable time or manner; or
27 (2) All of the persons from whom consent must be obtained pursuant to this
28 section refuse to consent to the performance of an abortion; or
29 (3) The minor elects not to seek consent of the person from whom consent is
30 required."

31 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011.

