

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2679

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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits minors aged 14 years or older to consent to certain vaccines without permission of parent or guardian.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1    **AN ACT** concerning the vaccination of minors 14 years of age or  
2       older and supplementing Title 9 of the Revised Statutes.

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4       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5       *of New Jersey:*

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7       1. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to  
8       the contrary, a minor, who is 14 years of age or older, shall be  
9       permitted to consent to the administration of an adequate dose of an  
10      immunizing agent, a vaccine, or a booster shot by a licensed health  
11      care practitioner or properly authorized pharmacist for  
12      poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, diphtheria, rubella, varicella,  
13      Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib), pertussis, tetanus,  
14      pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease, human  
15      papillomavirus (HPV), hepatitis B, or COVID-19 or any other  
16      contagious disease that is the basis for the declaration of a public  
17      health emergency if the administration of the immunizing agent,  
18      vaccine, or booster to the minor has been authorized by the federal  
19      Food and Drug Administration, regardless of whether the minor's  
20      parent or guardian consents to the administration of the immunizing  
21      agent, vaccine, or booster shot. The minor, in such a case, shall be  
22      deemed to have the same legal capacity to act, and the same powers  
23      and obligations as a person of legal age, and the minor's consent to  
24      the administration of an immunizing agent, vaccine, or booster shot  
25      shall be valid and binding as if the minor had attained the age of  
26      majority, and shall not be subject to later disaffirmance because of  
27      minority.

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29      2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32                                   **STATEMENT**

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34      This bill permits a minor who is 14 years of age or older to  
35      consent to vaccination for certain communicable diseases regardless  
36      of whether the minor's parent or guardian grant permission for the  
37      vaccination.

38      Under the bill, a minor, who is 14 years of age or older, is to be  
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