

Dear Legislator,

Veto/vote NO on Bills A6702 and S4779; these proposed bills would allow minors to be vaccinated for STDs without parental consent/ knowledge. These shots would include Gardasil and Hep-B, for now.

Controversy swirls around Gardasil. 12,000+ adverse events have been reported along with dozens of deaths. One need only scratch below the surface to see this vaccine was rushed to market without sufficient safety studies and the tragic consequences are the bodies of healthy young girls. Paralysis, spontaneous miscarriages, brain damage and myriad other tragic effects are striking vibrant young girls as a result of this shot. Read their stories; hear their voices- some from the grave.

To grant 'capacity to consent' to minors would constitute a sea change in our law and societal traditions. 'Consent' is far inferior to 'informed consent'. With informed consent, the patient knows the risks and benefits. Mere 'consent' affords nothing of the kind. A consenting minor would be making a medical decision without all the relevant facts.

The vast majority of minors have no idea of their family history along with possible reactions these vaccines can trigger; they don't even know to ask. Removing parents from important health care decisions like these substitute the judgment of third parties for parents who are responsible for their children. Vaccines carry risk; this is fact. A person needs to know what they are. This bill completely ignores 'informed consent.'

It is unconscionable that children would be deemed by our lawmakers to have the capacity to exercise sound judgment for such important and risky decisions.

There also exist unresolved questions of liability for healthcare givers whose influence over minors might override whatever capacity a minor may have for knowing and voluntary informed consent. This raises potential liability questions for health care providers, especially when a vaccine causes injury to this minor.

I am told repeatedly, in order to pass laws; our lawmakers need letters and phone calls from voters supporting a bill. Have you received **ANY** letters and phone calls from parents insisting they be left out of healthcare decisions for their children?

The prospect of this legislation is dangerous and disturbing.

Please vote NO on A6702/ S4779. Protect our children.

Sincerely,