

CHAPTER 48

Senate Bill 297

AN ACT

RELATING TO TRADE AND COMMERCE; AUTHORIZING AUTOMATIC CONSENT FOR CERTAIN MINORS FOR TREATMENT FOR USE OF A DANGEROUS DRUG OR NARCOTIC, AND AMENDING TITLE 44, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 44-133.01.

**Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:**

Section 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this act is to provide that a minor twelve years of age or older who is found under the influence of a dangerous drug or narcotic may be regarded as having given consent to hospital and medical care without requiring consent of parent or guardian.

Sec. 2. Title 44, chapter 1, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 44-133.01, to read:

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44-133.01. CAPACITY OF MINOR TO CONSENT TO TREATMENT FOR USE OF A DANGEROUS DRUG OR NARCOTIC; REPORT NECESSARY; PAYMENT FOR TREATMENT

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY MINOR TWELVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO IS FOUND, UPON DIAGNOSIS OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A DANGEROUS DRUG OR NARCOTIC, WHICH INCLUDES WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS, MAY BE CONSIDERED AN EMERGENCY CASE AND SUCH MINOR IS TO BE REGARDED AS HAVING CONSENTED TO HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL CARE NEEDED FOR TREATMENT FOR SUCH. SUCH CONSENT SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO DISAFFIRMANCE BECAUSE OF MINORITY. THE CONSENT OF THE PARENT, PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF SUCH MINOR IS NOT NECESSARY TO AUTHORIZE HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL CARE, EXCEPT THAT SUCH CONSENT SHALL BE EQUALLY VALID IF OBTAINED.

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