

1 HB178
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3 By Representative Ball
4 RFD: Health
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a minor who is 14 years
9 of age or older may give consent for medical,
10 dental, health, or mental health services for
11 himself or herself.

12 This bill would provide that the parent or
13 legal guardian of a minor who is younger than 18
14 years of age could authorize treatment for medical,
15 dental, health, or mental health service, including
16 commitment to a mental health facility, even if the
17 minor has expressly refused treatment.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
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23 To provide that the parent or legal guardian of a
24 minor younger than 18 years of age may authorize treatment for
25 medical, dental, health, or mental health service, including
26 commitment to a mental health facility, even where the minor
27 has expressly refused treatment.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. The parent or legal guardian of a minor
3 who is younger than 18 years of age may authorize treatment
4 for any medical, dental, health, or mental health service,
5 including commitment to a mental health facility, even if the
6 minor has expressly refused such treatment.

7 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
8 first day of the third month following its passage and
9 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.