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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend Chapter 6 of Title 22-B of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to permit a minor of any age to consent to receive a vaccine, where the minor is capable of meeting the informed consent standard, and where the vaccination is recommended by the United States Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and provided in accordance with ACIP's recommended vaccinations schedule; and to establish how a minor may be deemed meeting the informed consent standard.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Minor Consent for Vaccinations Amendment Act of 2019".

Sec. 2. Chapter 6 of Title 22-B of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (22-B DCMR § 600) is amended by adding a new subsection 600.9 to read as follows:

"600.9 (a) A minor of any age may consent to receive a vaccine where the minor is capable of meeting the informed consent standard, and the vaccine is recommended by the United States Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices ("ACIP"), and where receipt of the vaccine is in accordance with ACIP's recommended immunization schedule.

(b) For the purposes of this subsection, a minor shall be deemed meeting the informed consent standard if the minor is able to comprehend the need for, the nature of, and any significant risks ordinarily inherent in the medical care."

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

35           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
36 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
37 approved October 16, 2006 (12 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

38           Sec. 4. Effective date.

39           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
40 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
41 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
42 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
43 Columbia Register.