House Bill 1223

AMENDMENT 1223C FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

1 An Act to authorize the provision of informed consent by a pregnant minor.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That chapter 26-1 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

4	A pregnant minor who has the mental capacity to consent may provide informed
5	consent for any medical or dental procedure or service, including hospitalization and
6	surgery, related to the minor's prenatal care, the delivery process, or postnatal care, if:
7	(1) The health care provider first makes a reasonable an effort to obtain consent from
8	the minor's parent or guardian; and
9	(2) The minor's parent or guardian is either unavailable or unreasonably withholds
10	<u>consent.</u>
11	This section does not apply to an emancipated minor, as defined in § 25-5-24, nor
12	to any consent required prior to an abortion, as set forth in chapter 34-23A.
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