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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 826, L.D. 1189, Bill, “An Act To Define the Age of Consent for Alcohol or Drug Treatment and Mental Health Services”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1502 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "14" and inserting the following: '12'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1502 in the first paragraph by striking out all of the last 2 sentences (page 1, lines 9 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following: 'If a minor 12 years of age or older consents to such treatment, a parent or guardian may not abrogate that consent.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, changes from 14 years of age to 12 years of age the age of a minor who may consent to treatment for abuse of alcohol or drugs or for emotional or psychological problems. It removes the provision that prevents a minor from abrogating the consent of the minor's parent or guardian. The bill provides that a parent or guardian may not abrogate the consent to treatment provided by a minor 14 years of age or older; the amendment changes that age to 12 years of age or older.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**