

HOUSE BILL NO. 4228

February 11, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Rendon, Anthony, Koleszar, Puri, Liberati, Scott, Ellison, Brabec, O'Neal, Clemente, Hood, Weiss, Morse, Frederick, Filler, Sneller, Cherry, Fink, Tate, Beson, Neeley, Bolden, Hertel, Young, Cavanagh, Peterson, Manoogian, Aiyash, Kuppa, Hammoud, Sabo, Jones, Brixie, Pohutsky, Stone, Yaroach, Tyrone Carter, Breen and Yancey and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1968 PA 293, entitled

"An act to establish the status of minors; to define the rights and duties of parents; to establish rights and duties to provide support for a child after the child reaches the age of majority under certain circumstances; and to establish the conditions for emancipation of minors,"

by amending section 4e (MCL 722.4e), as added by 1988 PA 403.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 4e. (1) A minor emancipated by operation of law or by
- 2 court order ~~shall be considered to have~~ **has** the rights and
- 3 responsibilities of an adult, except for those specific

1 constitutional and statutory age requirements regarding voting, use
2 of alcoholic beverages, and other health and safety regulations
3 relevant to him or her because of his or her age. A minor ~~shall be~~
4 ~~considered~~ **is** emancipated for the purposes of, but not limited to,
5 all of the following:

6 (a) The right to enter into enforceable contracts, including
7 apartment leases.

8 (b) The right to sue or be sued in his or her own name.

9 (c) The right to retain his or her own earnings.

10 (d) The right to establish a separate domicile.

11 (e) The right to act autonomously, and with the rights and
12 responsibilities of an adult, in all business relationships,
13 including, but not limited to, property transactions and obtaining
14 accounts for utilities, except for those estate or property matters
15 that the court determines may require a conservator or guardian ad
16 litem.

17 (f) The right to earn a living, subject only to the health and
18 safety regulations designed to protect those under the age of
19 majority regardless of their legal status.

20 (g) The right to authorize his or her own preventive health
21 care, medical care, dental care, and mental health care, without
22 parental knowledge or liability.

23 (h) The right to apply for a driver's license or other state
24 licenses for which he or she might be eligible.

25 (i) The right to register for school.

26 ~~(j) The right to marry.~~

27 **(j)** ~~(k)~~ The right to apply to the medical assistance program
28 administered under the social welfare act, ~~Act No. 280 of the~~
29 ~~Public Acts of 1939, being sections 400.1 to 400.121 of the~~

1 ~~Michigan Compiled Laws, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b~~, if
2 needed.

3 (k) ~~(l)~~—The right to apply for other welfare assistance,
4 including ~~general~~ **any** assistance and aid to families with dependent
5 ~~children administered under Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939,~~
6 **the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b**, if
7 needed.

8 (l) ~~(m)~~—The right, if a parent, to make decisions and give
9 authority in caring for his or her own minor child.

10 (m) ~~(n)~~—The right to make a will.

11 (2) The parents of a minor emancipated by court order are
12 jointly and severally obligated to support the minor. ~~However, the~~
13 **The** parents of a minor emancipated by court order are not liable
14 for any debts incurred by the minor during the period of
15 emancipation.