

HB0087 Public Health- Immunizations- Minor Consent (Access to Vaccines Act)

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Oppose

I am opposed to the government removing parental rights for their children in any way, including removing parental choice for any individual vaccine. Maryland recently voted that people cannot buy cigarettes until they are 21 because of the health consequences, yet this bill is contradicting that very thought by saying teenagers can make health decisions regarding vaccines. How is a teenager supposed to read and understand the pages and pages of vaccine inserts and consider possible side effects that most adults can't even read through? I study each and every vaccine individually, read every insert and discuss in great detail with their trusted pediatrician prior to acceptance or refusal of any individual vaccine. As long as they are in my care and under my insurance I should be the one that has final say over what is injected into their bodies and if/when.

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