

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-135**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
IN OPPOSITION OF BILL A2679 WHICH PERMITS  
MINORS AGED 14 YEARS OR OLDER CHILDREN THE  
ABILITY TO CONSENT TO A NUMBER OF VACCINES  
WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Barnegat is in opposition of Bill A2679 which would give minors aged 14 years or older children the ability to consent to a number of vaccines without parental consent; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed bill would permit minors aged 14 years or older to consent to certain vaccines without permission of parent or guardian as described below; and

1. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a minor, who is 14 years of age or older, shall be permitted to consent to the administration of an adequate dose of an immunizing agent, a vaccine, or a booster shot by a licensed health care practitioner or properly authorized pharmacist for poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, diphtheria, rubella, varicella, Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib), pertussis, tetanus, pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease, human papillomavirus, (HPV), hepatitis B, or COVID-19 or any other contagious disease that is the basis for the declaration of a public health emergency if the administration of the immunizing agent, vaccine, or booster to the minor has been authorized by the federal Food and Drug Administration, regardless of whether the minor's parent or guardian consents to the administration of the immunizing agent, vaccine, or booster shot.

**WHEREAS**, if passed, the minor, in such a case, shall be deemed to have the same legal capacity to act, and the same powers and obligations as a person of legal age, and the minor's consent to the administration of an immunizing agent, vaccine, or booster shot shall be valid and bindings as if the minor had attained the age of majority, and shall not be subject to later disaffirmance because of minority.

**WHEREAS**, this act shall take effect immediately, if passed.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee believe Children belong to the parents, not to the State and any decisions concerning children's health including vaccines should be left to the parent, not government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** By The Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Strongly supports advocating for and respecting the rights of parents residing in the Township of Barnegat and in the State of New Jersey and will continue to as policies arise which affect their children and therefore, opposes Bill A2679

2. Copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the New Jersey State Legislature, 9<sup>th</sup> District Legislators, Ocean County Commissioners, all other Boards of Commissioners in the State, New Jersey League of Municipalities, Mayor and Council of Ocean County towns.

- (a) Alfonso Cirulli, Mayor
- (b) Ocean County Board of Commissioners
- (c) The 9<sup>th</sup> District Legislative Delegation
- (d) Governor Philip Murphy
- (e) Senate President Steve Sweeney

### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on April 5, 2022, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

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Donna M. Manno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk