

(b) *No person* PHYSICIAN OR PERSON ACTING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A PHYSICIAN *treating a minor pursuant to the minor's consent shall be liable civilly or subject to any penalty, criminal or disciplinary, solely by reason of the minor's lack of capacity to consent under the provisions of subsection (a) hereof.*

(C) IF THE MINOR IS FOUND NOT TO BE PREGNANT OR NOT AFFLICTED WITH A VENEREAL DISEASE, NO INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO ANY APPOINTMENT, EXAMINATION, TEST, OR OTHER MEDICAL PROCEDURE SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE SPOUSE, PARENT, CUSTODIAN, OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR WITHOUT THE MINOR'S PERMISSION. NOTHING HEREIN CONTAINED IS INTENDED TO IMPLY THAT IF PREGNANCY OR VENEREAL DISEASE IS FOUND THE PHYSICIAN SHOULD NOTIFY THE SPOUSE, PARENT, CUSTODIAN, OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR UPON THE ADVICE AND DIRECTION OF A TREATING PHYSICIAN OR IF MORE THAN ONE, ANY ONE OF THEM, MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OF A HOSPITAL, PUBLIC CLINIC OR PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE MAY, BUT SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO, INFORM THE SPOUSE, PARENT, CUSTODIAN, OR GUARDIAN OF A MINOR IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES ENUMERATED IN SUBSECTION (A) HEREOF, AS TO THE TREATMENT GIVEN OR NEEDED, AND THE INFORMATION MAY BE GIVEN TO OR WITHHELD FROM THE SPOUSE, PARENT, CUSTODIAN OR GUARDIAN WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MINOR PATIENT AND OVER THE EXPRESS REFUSAL OF THE MINOR PATIENT PROVIDING THE INFORMATION; THE PROVIDING OR WITHHOLDING OF THE INFORMATION RESTS IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OF THE HOSPITAL OR PUBLIC CLINIC OR THE PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE, AS THE CASE MAY BE.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 28, 1971.

CHAPTER 759

(Senate Bill 263)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 457 of the Acts of 1969, to increase the amount of State loan from six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) to eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00), for the purpose of aiding in the construction of jail facilities in Harford County, and providing generally for the issuance and sale of certificates of indebtedness evidencing such loan; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES IN SAID LOAN PROVISIONS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 457 of the Acts of 1969 be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: