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Committee Assignment: Assembly Liberty 2

Bill #:AL-15

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**An Act To**

Amend § 4405-a of the New York State Public Health Law to allow for individuals 16 years of age to get vaccinated without parental consent.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:*

**Purpose**

Allow for individuals 16 years of age to get vaccinated without parental consent.

**Summary of Provisions**

Section 1: Definitions

Vaccine: A product that stimulates a person's immune system to produce immunity to a specific disease, protecting the person from that disease.

Section 2

§ 4405-a. Immunizations against poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, Diphtheria and rubella.

1. It shall be the duty of the administrative

Officer or other person in charge of each health maintenance

Organization, as defined in this article, to inquire of each person in

Its care under the age of eighteen, or of a person in parental relation

To such person, whether all necessary immunizations have been received

For poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, diphtheria and rubella and, if not,

To make available such immunizations and a certificate or certificates

Of such immunizations.

~~2. This section shall not apply to children whose parent, parents, or Guardian are bona fide members of a recognized religious organization~~

~~Whose teachings are contrary to the practices herein required~~ Minors that are 16 years of age or older are eligible to receive vaccines without parental consent.

3. If any physician licensed to practice medicine in this state certifies that any such immunization may be detrimental to a child's Health, the requirements of this section shall be inapplicable until such immunization is found no longer to be detrimental to the child's health.

**Justification**

Every year we see in the media that more and more people aren't getting

vaccinated. We need to act now if we want to stop this "movement" in its tracks.

People may use beliefs to justify the detrimental effects of vaccinations as a means

to argue that they should be exempt from vaccines, however, vaccines have been

proven to not have many negative effects. Most vaccines are needed to attend



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public school in New York so not only will this bill be advocating for the physical health and safety of the children of New York, it will allow many to attend a public school which has many mental benefits. A staggeringly high number of teens and young adults are not vaccinated for STDS and it is a huge issue the effects not only them, but their peers.

**Fiscal Implications**

There are no fiscal implications because the price of mandatory vaccinations are negligible in New York State and are very much reduced under Medicaid.

**Enviornmental Implications**

**Effective Date**

This bill would go into effect one year after passage.