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LEGISLATIVE BILL 369

Introduced by Hunt, 8.

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to minors; to amend section 43-2101, Revised
- 2 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating
- 3 to the age of majority; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 43-2101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 43-2101 (1) All persons under nineteen years of age are declared to
4 be minors, but in case any person marries under the age of nineteen
5 years, his or her minority ends.

6 (2) Upon becoming the age of majority, a person is considered an
7 adult and acquires all rights and responsibilities granted or imposed by
8 statute or common law, except that a person:

9 (a) Eighteen years of age or older and who is not a ward of the
10 state may:

11 (i) Enter into a binding contract or lease of whatever kind or
12 nature and shall be legally responsible for such contract or lease,
13 including legal responsibility to third parties;

14 (ii) Execute, sign, authorize, or otherwise authenticate (A) an
15 effective financing statement, (B) a promissory note or other instrument
16 evidencing an obligation to repay, or (C) a mortgage, trust deed,
17 security agreement, financing statement, or other security instrument to
18 grant a lien or security interest in real or personal property or
19 fixtures, and shall be legally responsible for such document, including
20 legal responsibility to third parties; and

21 (iii) Acquire or convey title to real property and shall have legal
22 responsibility for such acquisition or conveyance, including legal
23 responsibility to third parties; and

24 (b) Eighteen years of age or older may consent to mental health
25 services for himself or herself without the consent of his or her parent
26 or guardian; -

27 (c) Eighteen years of age or older, unless in the custody of the
28 Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to a juvenile court
29 order, may make health care decisions for himself or herself without the
30 consent of his or her parent or guardian; and

31 (d) Under nineteen years of age and who is committed to the

1 Department of Correctional Services for secure care may consent to, and
2 make decisions regarding, such person's medical care, mental health
3 services, and related services during the period of the person's
4 commitment to the department without the consent of such person's parent
5 or guardian except as required in section 71-6902.

6 **Sec. 2.** Original section 43-2101, Revised Statutes Cumulative
7 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.