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ENROLLED, An Act,

To amend Section 26-1-1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the age of majority, to designate the age of majority as 18 years for the purpose of giving consent to participate in certain research conducted by a college or university.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 26-1-1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§26-1-1.

"(a) Any person in this state, at the arrival at the age of 19 years, shall be relieved of his or her disabilities of minority and thereafter shall have the same legal rights and abilities as persons over 21 years of age. No law of this state shall discriminate for or against any person between and including the ages of 19 and 21 years solely on the basis of age.

"(b) This section shall also apply to any person who arrived at the age of 19 and 20 years before July 22, 1975, but shall not abrogate any defense or abridge any remedy available to him or her prior to such date.

"(c) All laws or parts of laws which read "under the age of 21 years" hereafter shall read "under the age of 19 years." Wherever the words "under the age of 21 years" appear

1 in any law limiting the legal rights and abilities of persons
 2 under such age, such words shall be construed to mean under
 3 the age of 19 years.

4 "(d) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection
 5 (c) ~~of this section~~, nothing in this section shall be deemed
 6 to repeal any provision of Chapter 19 of Title 15 ~~of this~~
 7 ~~code~~.

8 "(e) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection
 9 (a), an honorably discharged veteran who is under the age of
 10 19 shall be permitted to enter into a contract for the
 11 purchase of a motor vehicle.

12 "(f) Notwithstanding subsection (a), or any other
 13 provision of law to the contrary, a person who is 18 years of
 14 age or older may consent to participate in research conducted
 15 by a college or university that is accredited by a federally
 16 recognized accrediting agency if the research has been
 17 approved by the Institutional Review Board of the
 18 institution."

19 Section 2. This act shall become effective
 20 immediately following its passage and approval by the
 21 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 14-APR-15.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

05-MAY-15

Passed