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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, with certain exceptions,
9 the age of majority in this state is 19 years.

10 This bill would designate the age of
11 majority as 18 years for the purpose of giving
12 consent to participate in certain research
13 conducted by a college or university.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 To amend Section 26-1-1, Code of Alabama 1975, as
20 amended by Act 2012-415, 2012 Regular Session (Acts 2012),
21 relating to the age of majority, to designate the age of
22 majority as 18 years for the purpose of giving consent to
23 participate in certain research conducted by a college or
24 university.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 26-1-1 of the Code of Alabama
2 1975, as amended by Act 2012-415, 2012 Regular Session (Acts
3 2012), is amended to read as follows:

4 "§26-1-1.

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

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

16 "(c) All laws or parts of laws which read "under the
17 age of 21 years" hereafter shall read "under the age of 19
18 years." Wherever the words "under the age of 21 years" appear
19 in any law limiting the legal rights and abilities of persons
20 under such age, such words shall be construed to mean under
21 the age of 19 years.

22 "(d) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection
23 (c) ~~of this section~~, nothing in this section shall be deemed
24 to repeal any provision of Chapter 19 of Title 15 ~~of this~~
25 code.

26 "(e) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection
27 (a), an honorably discharged veteran who is under the age of

1 19 shall be permitted to enter into a contract for the
2 purchase of a motor vehicle.

3 "(f) Notwithstanding subsection (a), or any other
4 provision of law to the contrary, a person who is 18 years of
5 age or older may consent to participate in research conducted
6 by a college or university that is accredited by a federally
7 recognized accrediting agency if the research has been
8 approved by the Institutional Review Board of the
9 institution."

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective
11 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
12 its otherwise becoming law.