

AGE OF CIVIL LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill seeks to amend the Age of Civil Legal Responsibility Act, Chapter 4A (the “principal Act”), to vest full legal capacity in minors aged sixteen years or older to consent to any sexual or reproductive health treatment, including diagnostic procedures, without the need for the consent of the minors’ parents or guardians; and to provide for related matters.

This Bill contains **three (3) clauses**.

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act for which this is the Bill.

Clause 2 provides for an amendment to section 2 of the principal Act to insert a definition of the term “Minister”.

Clause 3 provides for the insertion of a new section 4A in the principal Act to vest full legal capacity in minors aged sixteen years or older to consent to any sexual or reproductive health treatment, including diagnostic procedures, without the need for the consent of the minors’ parents or guardians. This new section 4A also permits the Minister to make an Order vesting legal capacity in minors aged twelve to sixteen years to consent to specific sexual or reproductive health treatments, including diagnostic procedures, without the need for the consent of the minors’ parents or guardians and subject to such conditions or restrictions as the Minister may impose.

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Sen. the Hon. Claudette Joseph
ATTORNEY-GENERAL

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short title
2. Amendment to section 2 of the principal Act
3. Insertion of new section 4A in the principal Act

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GRENADA

ACT NO. OF 2025

AN ACT to amend the Age of Civil Legal Responsibility Act, Chapter 4A.

BE IT ENACTED by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Grenada, and by the authority of the same as follows—

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the

AGE OF CIVIL LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025,

and shall be read as one with the Age of Civil Legal Responsibility Act, Chapter 4A of the 2010 Continuous Revised Edition of the Laws of Grenada, hereinafter referred to as the “**principal Act**”.

Amendment to section 2 of the principal Act

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following new definition in the appropriate alphabetical order—

“**Minister**” means the Minister responsible for legal affairs;”.

Insertion of new section 4A in the principal Act

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 4 the following new section—

“Consent to Sexual and Reproductive Health Treatment by Minors

4A. (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a minor who has attained the age of sixteen years shall have the legal capacity to consent to any sexual or reproductive health treatment, including diagnostic procedures, and his or her consent shall be as effective as if that minor were of full age.

(2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Minister may, in consultation with the Minister responsible for health, if he or she is satisfied that there is good cause to do so, by Order published in the *Gazette*, provide that a minor who has attained the age of twelve years but not yet attained the age of sixteen years shall have the legal capacity to consent any sexual or reproductive health treatment specified in that Order, including diagnostic procedures, and his or her consent shall be as effective as if that minor were of full age.

- (3) An Order under subsection (2) shall specify—
- (a) the minimum age of minors to which the Order applies;
 - (b) the specific sexual or reproductive health treatment or treatments to which the Order applies; and
 - (c) any conditions or restrictions to be imposed under the Order.
- (4) An Order under subsection (2) shall be subject to affirmative resolution.
- (5) Where a minor has, by virtue of subsection (1) or an Order made pursuant to subsection (2), given an effective consent to any sexual or reproductive health treatment, it shall not be necessary to obtain any consent for such treatment from his or her parent or guardian.
- (6) A person shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability solely by reason of having administered sexual or reproductive health treatment to a minor, with his or her effective consent, in accordance with this section.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, “sexual and reproductive health treatment” means any medical, surgical or counselling service or treatment provided to support the sexual and reproductive health of an individual, including—
- (a) access to contraceptive methods;
 - (b) diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDS;
 - (c) prenatal and postnatal care and other services related to pregnancy and childbirth;
 - (d) management of menstrual and gynaecological health conditions; and
 - (e) sexual health education, risk assessment and counselling.”.

Passed by the House of Representatives this day of , 2025.

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Clerk to the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate this day of , 2025.

Clerk to the Senate