

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 586 provides for exceptions to the requirement for a physician to receive informed consent before proceeding with treatment. If there is a medical emergency that requires prompt decision making, the patient is unresponsive, and no surrogate can be found, the physician may proceed with treatment. If the conditions are not met, the physician must first assess the patient's ability to understand relevant medical information and the implications of treatment, present relevant facts to the patient or surrogate, and document the consent to treatment.

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