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### **WHAT IS LEGAL AGE?**

Although an individual may not be considered to reach an age of majority until a specific time under state law, a minor may engage in contracting for necessities and/or other items including employment. Once performance is made, payment shall be made either to or by the minor, depending upon whether the payment or whether the benefits to the contract are received or given by the minor. A parent cannot collect a second time when payment has been made to a minor for a service such as an employment service when rendered. A minor may, however, repudiate a contract within a reasonable time after reaching majority. The legal age to contract in the state of Illinois is eighteen(18). However, a mature minor, pursuant to 750 ILCS 30/3.2 which provides that a person sixteen(16) or older but under the age of eighteen(18) who has demonstrated an ability to manage his own affairs and to live independently from a parent or guardian, may be considered to be a person of legal age. For additional information relating to legal age in the state of Illinois, see 750 ILCS 30/1 et. seq.

This is not a substitute for legal advice. An attorney must be consulted.