
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Silver Legislature believes that a
2 terminally ill patient's decision-making over the time and means
3 of death is a highly personal matter. A terminally ill
4 patient's request for the assistance of a physician to
5 accelerate death ought to be treated with dignity and respect.
6 Therefore, the Silver Legislature finds it appropriate,
7 compassionate, and humane to authorize a physician to prescribe
8 medication to empower a mentally competent, terminally ill,
9 adult patient, who has a full understanding of options and
10 consequences, to exercise control over this intensely private
11 decision. The purpose of this Act is to authorize physician
12 assisted suicide.

13 SECTION 2. A terminally ill, competent adult suffering
14 from an incurable and irreversible disease that will produce
15 death within six months may obtain, upon written request, a
16 prescription from a licensed physician for medication of a self-
17 administered oral lethal dose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.