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## AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 33; RELATING TO END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS.

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1 2	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Title 36, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding
3	chapter 33, to read:
4	CHAPTER 33
5	DEATH WITH DIGNITY
6	ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS
7	36-3301. <u>Definitions</u>
8	IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
9	1. "CONSULTING PHYSICIAN" MEANS A PHYSICIAN WHO IS QUALIFIED BY
10	SPECIALTY OR EXPERIENCE TO MAKE A PROFESSIONAL DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS
11	REGARDING A PATIENT'S DISEASE.
12	2. "COUNSELING" MEANS A CONSULTATION BETWEEN A PATIENT AND A
13	PSYCHIATRIST OR PSYCHOLOGIST WHO IS LICENSED BY THIS STATE TO DETERMINE
14	WHETHER THE PATIENT IS SUFFERING FROM A PSYCHIATRIC OR PSYCHOLOGICAL
15	DISORDER OR DEPRESSION CAUSING IMPAIRED JUDGMENT.
16	3. "DEATH WITH DIGNITY" MEANS THE TERMINATION OF THE LIFE OF A
17	QUALIFIED PATIENT IN A PAINLESS, HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER BY THE
18	ISSUANCE OF A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION FOR SELF-ADMINISTRATION. 4. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.
19 20	<ol> <li>DEPARTMENT MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.</li> <li>"INFORMED DECISION" MEANS A DECISION THAT IS MADE BY A QUALIFIED</li> </ol>
20	PATIENT TO REQUEST AND OBTAIN A PRESCRIBED MEDICATION TO END THE PATIENT'S
22	LIFE, THAT IS BASED ON AN APPRECIATION OF THE RELEVANT FACTS AND THAT IS
23	MADE AFTER BEING FULLY INFORMED BY THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OF ALL OF THE
24	FOLLOWING:
25	(a) THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS.
26	(b) THE PATIENT'S PROGNOSIS.
27	(c) THE POTENTIAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TAKING THE PRESCRIBED
28	MEDICATION.
29	(d) THE PROBABLE RESULT OF TAKING THE PRESCRIBED MEDICATION.
30	(e) FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO TAKING THE PRESCRIBED MEDICATION,
31	INCLUDING COMFORT CARE, HOSPICE CARE AND PAIN CONTROL.
32	6. "MEDICALLY CONFIRMED" MEANS THAT THE MEDICAL OPINION OF THE
33	ATTENDING PHYSICIAN HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY A CONSULTING PHYSICIAN WHO HAS
34	EXAMINED THE PATIENT AND THE PATIENT'S RELEVANT MEDICAL RECORDS.
35	7. "QUALIFIED PATIENT" MEANS A CAPABLE ADULT WHO HAS RESIDED IN
36	THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST NINETY DAYS AND WHO HAS SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS
37	OF THIS ARTICLE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION TO END
38	THE PATIENT'S LIFE.
39 40	8. "TERMINAL CONDITION" MEANS A CONDITION THAT RESULTS FROM AN
40 41	ACCIDENT OR AN INCURABLE AND IRREVERSIBLE DISEASE, THAT HAS BEEN MEDICALLY CONFIRMED AND THAT WILL CAUSE DEATH, WITH REASONABLE MEDICAL JUDGMENT,
41 42	WITHIN SIX MONTHS.
74	WITHIN SIA HUNTHS.

1	36-3302. <u>Request for medication; requirements; witnesses;</u>
2	<u>signatures</u>
3	A. A QUALIFIED PATIENT MAY MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A
4	PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION TO END THE PATIENT'S LIFE AS PRESCRIBED BY
5	THIS ARTICLE.
6	B. A REQUEST FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE
7	MUST BE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-3318, BE SIGNED
8	AND DATED BY THE PATIENT AND BE WITNESSED BY AT LEAST TWO PERSONS WHO, IN
9	THE PRESENCE OF THE PATIENT, ATTEST TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND
10	BELIEF THAT THE PATIENT IS COMPETENT, IS ACTING VOLUNTARILY AND IS NOT
11	BEING COERCED TO SIGN THE REQUEST.
12	C. AT LEAST ONE OF THE WITNESSES MUST BE A PERSON WHO IS NOT:
13	1. A RELATIVE OF THE PATIENT BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE OR ADOPTION.
14	2. AT THE TIME THE REQUEST IS SIGNED, ENTITLED TO ANY PORTION OF
15	THE ESTATE OF THE PATIENT ON THE PATIENT'S DEATH UNDER ANY WILL OR BY
16	OPERATION OF LAW.
17	3. AN OWNER, OPERATOR OR EMPLOYEE OF A HEALTH CARE FACILITY WHERE
18	THE PATIENT IS A RESIDENT OR IS RECEIVING MEDICAL TREATMENT.
19	D. THE PATIENT'S ATTENDING PHYSICIAN AT THE TIME THE REQUEST IS
20	SIGNED MAY NOT BE A WITNESS.
21	E. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SECTION, IF
22	THE PATIENT RESIDES IN A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY AT THE TIME OF MAKING THE
23	WRITTEN REQUEST, ONE OF THE WITNESSES MUST BE A PERSON WHO IS DESIGNATED
24	BY THE FACILITY AND WHO HAS THE QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT
25	AS PRESCRIBED BY RULE.
26	F. IF THE PATIENT IS COMPETENT BUT IS UNABLE TO WRITE OR TO SIGN A
27	STATEMENT, THE PATIENT MAY SUBSTITUTE A VIDEO RECORDING, WITNESSED BY TWO
28	QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS, FOR THE WRITTEN REQUEST.
29	36-3303. <u>Safeguards: attending physician: requirements</u>
30	THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
31	1. MAKE THE INITIAL DETERMINATION OF WHETHER A PATIENT HAS A
32	TERMINAL CONDITION, IS COMPETENT AND HAS MADE THE REQUEST VOLUNTARILY.
33	2. INFORM THE PATIENT OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
34	(a) THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS.
35	(b) THE PATIENT'S PROGNOSIS.
36	(c) THE POTENTIAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TAKING THE PRESCRIBED
37	MEDICATION.
38	(d) THE PROBABLE RESULT OF TAKING THE PRESCRIBED MEDICATION.
39	(e) FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO TAKING THE PRESCRIBED MEDICATION,
40	INCLUDING COMFORT CARE, HOSPICE CARE AND PAIN CONTROL.
41	3. REFER THE PATIENT TO A CONSULTING PHYSICIAN FOR MEDICAL
42	CONFIRMATION OF THE DIAGNOSIS AND FOR A DETERMINATION THAT THE PATIENT IS
43	COMPETENT AND IS ACTING VOLUNTARILY.
44	4. REFER THE PATIENT FOR COUNSELING IF REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION
45	36-3305.

1	5. REQUEST THAT THE PATIENT NOTIFY THE PATIENT'S NEXT OF KIN.
2	6. INFORM THE PATIENT THAT THE PATIENT MAY RESCIND THE REQUEST AT
3	ANY TIME AND IN ANY MANNER AND OFFER THE PATIENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESCIND
4	AT THE END OF THE FIFTEEN-DAY WAITING PERIOD PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
5	36-3310.
6	7. VERIFY, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE WRITING THE PRESCRIPTION FOR
7	MEDICATION, THAT THE PATIENT IS MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION.
8	8. FULFILL THE MEDICAL RECORD DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT OF SECTION
9	36-3311.
10	9. ENSURE THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS ARE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE
11	WITH THIS ARTICLE BEFORE WRITING A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION TO ENABLE
12	THE QUALIFIED PATIENT TO END THE PATIENT'S LIFE IN A HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED
13	MANNER.
14	36-3304. Consulting physician; confirmation of diagnosis
15	A. BEFORE A PATIENT IS DEEMED QUALIFIED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, A
16	CONSULTING PHYSICIAN SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
17	1. EXAMINE THE PATIENT AND THE PATIENT'S RELEVANT MEDICAL RECORDS.
18	2. CONFIRM, IN WRITING, THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS THAT
19	THE PATIENT IS SUFFERING FROM A TERMINAL CONDITION.
20	3. VERIFY THAT THE PATIENT IS COMPETENT, IS ACTING VOLUNTARILY AND
21	HAS MADE AN INFORMED DECISION.
22	B. THE CONSULTING PHYSICIAN MAY NOT BE A PARTNER, SHAREHOLDER OR
23	EMPLOYEE IN THE SAME MEDICAL PRACTICE AS THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.
24	36-3305. <u>Counseling referral</u>
25	A. IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR THE CONSULTING
26	PHYSICIAN, A PATIENT MAY BE SUFFERING FROM A PSYCHIATRIC OR PSYCHOLOGICAL
27	DISORDER OR DEPRESSION CAUSING IMPAIRED JUDGMENT, THE PHYSICIAN SHALL
28	REFER THE PATIENT FOR COUNSELING.
29	B. A PHYSICIAN MAY NOT PRESCRIBE MEDICATION TO END A PATIENT'S LIFE
30	UNTIL THE COUNSELING PSYCHIATRIST OR PSYCHOLOGIST DETERMINES THAT THE
31	PATIENT IS NOT SUFFERING FROM A PSYCHIATRIC OR PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDER OR
32	DEPRESSION CAUSING IMPAIRED JUDGMENT.
33	C. A COUNSELING PSYCHIATRIST OR PSYCHOLOGIST MAY NOT BE A PARTNER,
34	SHAREHOLDER OR EMPLOYEE IN THE SAME PRACTICE AS THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.
35	36-3306. Informed decision
36	A PATIENT MAY NOT RECEIVE A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION TO END THE
37	PATIENT'S LIFE UNLESS THE PATIENT HAS MADE AN INFORMED DECISION AND
38	COMPLETED THE REQUEST FOR MEDICATION FORM PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-3318.
39	36-3307. <u>Family notification</u>
40	THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN SHALL ASK THE PATIENT TO NOTIFY THE
41	PATIENT'S NEXT OF KIN OF THE PATIENT'S REQUEST FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR
42	MEDICATION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. THE PHYSICIAN MAY NOT DENY A REQUEST
43	FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION IF THE PATIENT DECLINES OR IS UNABLE TO
44	NOTIFY THE PATIENT'S NEXT OF KIN.

1 2 3	36-3308. <u>Written and oral requests</u> A. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE PATIENT SHALL MAKE BOTH AN ORAL AND A WRITTEN REQUEST AND
4	SHALL REITERATE THE ORAL REQUEST TO THE PATIENT'S ATTENDING PHYSICIAN AT
5	LEAST FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER MAKING THE INITIAL ORAL REQUEST.
6	B. AT THE TIME THE QUALIFIED PATIENT MAKES THE SECOND ORAL REQUEST,
7	THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN SHALL OFFER THE PATIENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESCIND
8	THE REQUEST.
9	36-3309. <u>Right to rescind request; effect</u> A PATIENT MAY RESCIND A REQUEST FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION AT
10 11	ANY TIME AND IN ANY MANNER WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PATIENT'S MENTAL STATE.
12	THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN MAY NOT WRITE A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION UNDER
13	THIS ARTICLE WITHOUT OFFERING THE QUALIFIED PATIENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO
14	RESCIND THE REQUEST. IF THE PATIENT RESCINDS THE REQUEST, IT IS AS IF THE
15	REQUEST WERE NEVER MADE.
16	36-3310. <u>Waiting periods</u>
17	A. AT LEAST FIFTEEN DAYS MUST ELAPSE BETWEEN THE PATIENT'S INITIAL
18	ORAL REQUEST AND THE WRITING OF A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION UNDER THIS
19	ARTICLE. AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS MUST ELAPSE BETWEEN THE PATIENT'S
20	WRITTEN REQUEST AND THE WRITING OF A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION UNDER
21	THIS ARTICLE.
22	B. IF ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE ARE MET, THE WAITING
23 24	PERIODS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION MAY BE SHORTENED IF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN CERTIFIES IN WRITING THAT THE PATIENT IS IN EXTREME PAIN AND
24 25	THAT THE IMPOSITION OF A WAITING PERIOD WOULD SERVE ONLY TO EXTEND THE
26	PATIENT'S SUFFERING.
27	36-3311. <u>Medical records; documentation; requirements</u>
28	THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE DOCUMENTED OR FILED IN THE
29	PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD:
30	1. ALL ORAL REQUESTS BY THE PATIENT FOR MEDICATION TO END THE
31	PATIENT'S LIFE.
32	2. ALL WRITTEN REQUESTS BY THE PATIENT FOR MEDICATION TO END THE
33	PATIENT'S LIFE.
34	3. THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS AND
35	VERIFICATION THAT THE PATIENT IS COMPETENT, IS ACTING VOLUNTARILY AND HAS
36 37	MADE AN INFORMED DECISION. 4. THE CONSULTING PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS AND
37 38	VERIFICATION THAT THE PATIENT IS COMPETENT, IS ACTING VOLUNTARILY AND HAS
39	MADE AN INFORMED DECISION.
40	5. A REPORT OF THE OUTCOME OF AND DETERMINATIONS MADE DURING
41	COUNSELING, IF PERFORMED.
42	6. THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S OFFER TO THE PATIENT TO RESCIND THE
43	PATIENT'S REQUEST AT THE TIME OF THE PATIENT'S SECOND ORAL REQUEST
44	PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-3308.

1 7. THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S CONFIRMATION THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS ARTICLE HAVE BEEN MET AND A NOTATION OF THE STEPS TAKEN TO 2 CARRY OUT THE REQUEST, INCLUDING THE MEDICATION PRESCRIBED. 3

36-3312. <u>Review: rules: annual report</u>

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A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY REVIEW A SAMPLE OF RECORDS 6 MAINTAINED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

- 7 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES TO FACILITATE THE COLLECTION OF
- 8 INFORMATION REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE. THE INFORMATION
- 9 COLLECTED IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD AND IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY
- 10 THE PUBLIC.

C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GENERATE AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC 11 AN ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF INFORMATION COLLECTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE. 12 13 36-3313. Effect on construction of wills and contracts

A. A PROVISION IN ANY CONTRACT, WILL OR OTHER AGREEMENT, WHETHER 14 WRITTEN OR ORAL. THAT WOULD AFFECT WHETHER A PERSON MAY MAKE OR RESCIND A 15 16 REQUEST FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION TO END THE PATIENT'S LIFE IN A

HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER IS NOT VALID. 17 18 B. AN OBLIGATION OWING UNDER ANY CURRENTLY EXISTING CONTRACT MAY NOT BE CONDITIONED ON OR AFFECTED BY A PERSON MAKING OR RESCINDING A 19 20 REQUEST FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION TO END THE PERSON'S LIFE IN A 21 HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER.

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## 36-3314. Insurance and annuity policies

23 A. THE SALE, PROCUREMENT OR ISSUANCE OF ANY LIFE, HEALTH OR 24 ACCIDENT INSURANCE OR ANNUITY POLICY OR THE RATE CHARGED FOR ANY POLICY 25 MAY NOT BE CONDITIONED ON OR AFFECTED BY A PERSON MAKING OR RESCINDING A 26 REQUEST FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION TO END THE PERSON'S LIFE IN A 27 HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER.

B. AN INSURER MAY NOT REQUIRE OR REQUEST AN INSURED TO DISCLOSE 28 29 WHETHER THE INSURED HAS CONSIDERED OR EXECUTED A REQUEST FOR DEATH WITH 30 DIGNITY.

31 C. A QUALIFIED PATIENT'S ACT OF INGESTING MEDICATION TO END THE PATIENT'S LIFE IN A HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER DOES NOT AFFECT A LIFE, 32 33 HEALTH OR ACCIDENT INSURANCE OR ANNUITY POLICY.

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- 36-3315. Construction of article

35 THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE A PHYSICIAN OR ANY OTHER PERSON TO 36 END A PATIENT'S LIFE BY LETHAL INJECTION, MERCY KILLING OR ACTIVE EUTHANASIA. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, ACTIONS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE 37 38 WITH THIS ARTICLE DO NOT CONSTITUTE, FOR ANY PURPOSE, SUICIDE, ASSISTED 39 SUICIDE, MERCY KILLING OR HOMICIDE.

- 40 36-3316. Immunities
- 41 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 36-3317:

1 1. A PERSON IS NOT SUBJECT TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY OR 2 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR PARTICIPATING IN GOOD FAITH 3 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING BEING PRESENT WHEN A QUALIFIED 4 PATIENT TAKES THE PRESCRIBED MEDICATION TO END THE PATIENT'S LIFE IN A 5 HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER.

6 2. THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANY PERSON TO ASSIST IN 7 ADMINISTERING PRESCRIBED MEDICATION UNLESS THAT PERSON IS DESIGNATED BY A 8 QUALIFIED PATIENT TO ADMINISTER OR DISPENSE THE MEDICATION BECAUSE OF THE 9 QUALIFIED PATIENT'S PHYSICAL INABILITY TO SELF-ADMINISTER THE PRESCRIBED 10 MEDICATION.

3. A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OR ASSOCIATION OR A HEALTH CARE
 PROVIDER MAY NOT SUBJECT A PERSON TO CENSURE, DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, LOSS
 OF PRIVILEGES, LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP OR ANY OTHER PENALTY FOR PARTICIPATING
 OR REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE IN GOOD FAITH COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE.

4. A PATIENT'S REQUEST FOR OR AN ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S PROVISION OF
PRESCRIBED MEDICATION IN GOOD FAITH COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT
CONSTITUTE NEGLECT FOR ANY PURPOSE OF LAW OR PROVIDE THE SOLE BASIS FOR
THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR.

5. A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IS NOT UNDER ANY DUTY, WHETHER BY 19 CONTRACT, BY STATUTE OR BY ANY OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN 20 PROVIDING PRESCRIBED MEDICATION TO A QUALIFIED PATIENT TO END THE 21 PATIENT'S LIFE IN A HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER. IF A HEALTH CARE 22 PROVIDER IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO CARRY OUT A PATIENT'S REQUEST UNDER 23 24 THIS ARTICLE. THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHALL PROMPTLY TRANSFER THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ANOTHER PROVIDER WHO IS WILLING TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE 25 WITH THE QUALIFIED PATIENT'S WISHES. THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHALL 26 TRANSFER, ON REQUEST, A COPY OF THE PATIENT'S RELEVANT MEDICAL RECORDS TO 27 28 THE NEW HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

6. A HEALTH CARE FACILITY THAT REFUSES TO ALLOW DEATH WITH DIGNITY
TO BE PRESCRIBED OR ADMINISTERED ON ITS PREMISES MAY NOT DENY STAFF
PRIVILEGES OR EMPLOYMENT TO A PERSON FOR THE SOLE REASON THAT THE PERSON
PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED IN DEATH WITH DIGNITY.

7. A LICENSED PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES LETHAL MEDICINE BASED ON A
VALID PRESCRIPTION BY A PHYSICIAN AIDING A QUALIFYING PATIENT TO DIE UNDER
THIS ARTICLE IS NOT SUBJECT TO CIVIL, CRIMINAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY
FOR DOING SO.

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36-3317. <u>Violations; classification; liability</u>

A. A PERSON WHO WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OF THE PATIENT WILFULLY
ALTERS OR FORGES A REQUEST FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION OR CONCEALS
OR DESTROYS A RESCISSION OF THAT REQUEST WITH THE INTENT OR EFFECT OF
CAUSING THE PATIENT'S DEATH IS GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

42 B. A PERSON WHO COERCES OR EXERTS UNDUE INFLUENCE ON A PATIENT TO 43 REQUEST A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDING THE 44 PATIENT'S LIFE OR TO DESTROY A RESCISSION OF SUCH A REQUEST IS GUILTY OF 45 MANSLAUGHTER.

1 C. THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT LIMIT FURTHER LIABILITY FOR CIVIL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM OTHER NEGLIGENT CONDUCT OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT BY ANY 2 3 PERSON. D. THE PENALTIES IN THIS ARTICLE DO NOT PRECLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES 4 APPLICABLE UNDER ANY OTHER LAW FOR CONDUCT THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS 5 6 ARTICLE. 7 36-3318. Request for a prescription for medication; sample 8 form 9 A REQUEST FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS 10 ARTICLE MUST BE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM: 11 REQUEST FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION 12 TO END MY LIFE IN A HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER 13 I, \_\_\_\_\_, AM AN ADULT OF SOUND MIND. I AM SUFFERING FROM \_\_\_\_\_, WHICH MY 14 ATTENDING PHYSICIAN HAS DETERMINED IS A TERMINAL CONDITION AND 15 16 A CONSULTING PHYSICIAN HAS MEDICALLY CONFIRMED. 17 I HAVE BEEN FULLY INFORMED OF MY DIAGNOSIS, MY PROGNOSIS, THE NATURE OF MEDICATION TO BE PRESCRIBED AND 18 POTENTIAL ASSOCIATED RISKS, THE EXPECTED RESULT AND THE 19 FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING COMFORT CARE, HOSPICE CARE 20 21 AND PAIN CONTROL. 22 I REQUEST THAT MY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN PRESCRIBE MEDICATION THAT WILL END MY LIFE IN A HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED 23 24 MANNER. 25 INITIAL ONE: \_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE INFORMED MY FAMILY MEMBERS OF MY DECISION AND 26 27 HAVE TAKEN THEIR OPINIONS INTO CONSIDERATION. \_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE DECIDED NOT TO INFORM MY FAMILY MEMBERS OF MY 28 29 DECISION. I HAVE NO FAMILY MEMBERS TO INFORM OF MY DECISION. 30 I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THIS 31 32 REQUEST AT ANY TIME. I UNDERSTAND THE FULL IMPORT OF THIS REQUEST, AND I 33 EXPECT TO DIE WHEN I TAKE THE PRESCRIBED MEDICATION. 34 35 I MAKE THIS REQUEST VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION. AND I ACCEPT FULL MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS. 36 37 SIGNED: DATED: \_\_\_\_ 38 39 DECLARATION OF WITNESSES 40 WE DECLARE THAT THE PERSON SIGNING THIS REQUEST: 41 1. IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO US OR HAS PROVIDED PROOF OF 42 IDENTITY. 2. SIGNED THIS REQUEST IN OUR PRESENCE. 43 44 3. APPEARS TO BE OF SOUND MIND AND TO NOT BE UNDER 45 DURESS, FRAUD OR UNDUE INFLUENCE.

1 4. IS NOT A PATIENT FOR WHOM EITHER OF US IS THE 2 ATTENDING PHYSICIAN. 3 WITNESS 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 DATE \_\_\_ 5 WITNESS 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 DATE \_\_\_\_ 7 NOTE: ONE WITNESS MUST NOT BE A RELATIVE (BY BLOOD, 8 MARRIAGE OR ADOPTION) OF THE PERSON SIGNING THIS REQUEST, MUST NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY PORTION OF THE PERSON'S ESTATE ON DEATH 9 AND MUST NOT OWN, OPERATE OR BE EMPLOYED AT A HEALTH CARE 10 11 FACILITY WHERE THE PERSON IS A PATIENT OR RESIDENT. IF THE PERSON IS AN INPATIENT AT A HEALTH CARE FACILITY, ONE WITNESS 12 13 MUST BE AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY THE FACILITY. 14 Sec. 2. Short title 15 This act may be cited as the "Death with Dignity Act of 2019".