

SUMMARY OF [BILL NUMBER], [BILL TITLE]

The [BILL TITLE] will allow competent, terminally ill residents of [STATE] who are within six months of death to legally obtain oral prescription medication they can voluntarily take without assistance to peacefully end their life.

To qualify, the patient must be:

- adult, 18 years of age or older
- legal resident of [STATE]
- competent, of sound mind
- terminally ill
- within 6 months of death
- able to self-administer the medication without assistance

The proposed law contains safeguards that have been shown to protect patients in other states, including:

- The patient must be diagnosed within 6 months of death, the same standard used for hospice.
- The patient must be competent and voluntarily make two verbal requests and a written request, with a waiting period in between.
- Two witnesses must confirm the patient is acting voluntarily.
- If there is any indication that the patient is not of sound mind, they must be referred to a mental health professional for evaluation.
- The patient must take the medication themselves without assistance.
- Two physicians must confirm the patient meets the requirements of the law.
- No health care professional can be forced to participate, and all medical professionals can opt out with or without reason.
- The patient can rescind their request at any time.

Over 40 years of combined data from Oregon, Washington, Vermont, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Washington, D.C., and Maine show these laws work as intended with no evidence of abuse, undue influence, or coercion.

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR TOWN] [YOUR STATE ABBREVIATION]

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