

General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 5712

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAUSE OF DEATH FOR PERSONS WHO SELF-ADMINISTER MEDICATION PRESCRIBED TO BRING ABOUT DEATH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require, upon the
- 2 legalization of any provision allowing the prescribing of medication to
- a terminally ill patient that the patient may self-administer to bring
- 4 about death, any person completing the cause of death field on a death
- 5 certificate, who knows that a lethal drug, overdose or other means of
- 6 assisting suicide caused or contributed to the death, to (1) list such
- 7 means among the chain of events under cause of death, and (2) if such
- 8 means is in the chain of events, indicate "suicide" as the manner of death.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide notice to the next of kin that a member of the family passed away due to assisted suicide.

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