

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5712



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by: REP. ANDERSON, 62nd Dist.

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 3 a terminally ill patient that the patient may self-administer to bring about death, any person completing the cause of death field on a death 4 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.