



*Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments**

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Comfort care

An amendment adopted by the Senate committee revises the bill's provision specifying that its policy declaration against assisting suicide does not prohibit a licensed health professional from administering medications or treatments to relieve pain or discomfort, even though death may be hastened.

Adds a provision specifying that the bill does not prohibit health care personnel from carrying out the responsibility to provide comfort care when they are doing so at the direction of a person authorized to prescribe a patient's treatment.

Refusal of care

Adds a provision specifying that the bill does not affect or limit a person's authority to refuse to consent to health care, including through the use of a durable power of attorney for health care, living will, or do-not-resuscitate order.

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* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.