

# Fact vs Myth on SB1076

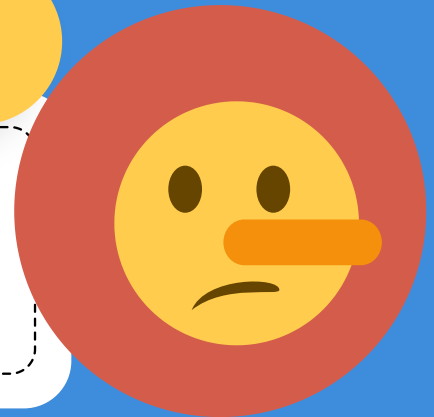
## "Aid in Dying" IS Assisted Suicide



Let's get this straight, Judge Aurigemma ruled in *Blick v. Office of Div. of Crim.* that "Aid in Dying" was "Assisted Suicide". Then highlighted . . . "Is assisted suicide the kind of choice, assuming it can be made in a fixed and rational manner, that we wish to offer a gravely ill person? Will we not sweep up in the process some who are not really tired of life, but think others are tired of them?"

## There HAS been abuse where Assisted Suicide is legal

In Canada, they call their assisted suicide "Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)" and their MAID system, to quote one previous supporter, is "quite horrific" and is in the process of being expanded to "mature children" even without parental consent and people with mental illness. Some have begun a Twitter campaign #IamthefaceofMAID to show how they have been targeted.



## SB1076 does NOT have strong protections



There are many alternatives to suicide for those who suffer, but to be clear . . . this bill has other problems. SB 1076 permits any other person to speak for the patient, it relies on experimental drug combinations, permits someone else to administer the drugs, no notification to the next of kin and more.

## Assisted Suicide is NOT a Progressive value

Because of its affect on people with disabilities, the poor, the underserved and those who suffer, many progressive groups oppose SB1076. Much of the testimony in favor of SB 1076 was from radical libertarians who wish for social approval of a "rational suicide".



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<https://casetext.com/case/blick-v-office-of-div-of-crim-no-cv-09-5033392-jun>

"Is assisted suicide the kind of choice, assuming it can be made in a fixed and rational manner, that we wish to offer a gravely ill person? Will we not sweep up in the process some who are not really tired of life, but think others are tired of them? Some who do not really want to die, but who feel that they should not live on because to do so when there exists the legal alternative is a selfish and a cowardly act. Will not some feel an obligation to have themselves eliminated in order that the funds allocated for their illness might be better used by their families? Or financial worries aside, in order to relieve the families of the emotional strain involved."



Blick v. Office of Div.

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<https://www.heraldsotland.com/news/23298374.health-expert-issues-warning-assisted-dying/>

For a list of dangers and documented abuses in states that have legalized assisted suicide, please visit <https://dredf.org/public-policy/assisted-suicide/some-oregon-assisted-suicide-abuses-and-complications/> Patients Rights Action Fund.

<https://patientsrightsaction.org/dangers/>

In Colorado, Assisted Suicide for Anorexia despite "safeguards".

<https://coloradosun.com/2022/03/14/denver-doctor-gaudiani-aid-in-dying-anorexia-patients/>



Former supporter notes  
abuses

Assisted Suicide on CO for  
Young Women with  
Anorexia



Documented cases of  
abuse

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Section 1(5) ANOTHER person may "communicate" on behalf of the patient.

Section 1(6) permits ONE session with a social worker to classify as "counseling".

Section 1(20) permits ANY person to administer the experimental drug combination to the patient.

Section 1(21) includes treatable illnesses like DIABETES as a "terminal illness".

Section 7 permits VIRTUAL visits for examination and counseling.

Section 9(6) permits ANOTHER person to access the deadly drugs.

Section 10 does NOT require physicians to accurately list cause of death on certificate.

Section 12(d) forbids prosecution of ANY person who administers the experimental drug combination to the patient.

Section 13(c)&(d) requires ALL hospitals to be complicit.

Secs. 14(e) & 19 provide IMMUNITY to doctors and pharmacists based on "good faith".

Section 16 protects ANY person who "influences" the patient.

Section 25(e) EXCLUDES all data collected from the Freedom of Information Act.

The bill provides no restriction against ingesting drugs in public or a way to protect first responders.

The bill permits doctors to recommend assisted suicide instead of waiting for patient initiative.

The bill does not require competency at the time of ingestion, nor that the patient administer the drug combination themselves.

According this bill, a "qualified patient" can have depression so long as it is not impairing his/her judgment.

A patient could be consuming medications for depression and actually be suicidal due to depression and/or medications for depression.



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Suicide