



Here is the latest on assisted suicide activity around the country from the Patients Rights Action Fund.

Active Bills to Prohibit or Limit Assisted Suicide in 2017

- New York (A3989 – prohibits insurance coverage for assisted suicide drugs)
- Washington (SB 5433 – strengthens informed consent in existing law)
- Oklahoma (HB 1495 Death Certificate Accuracy Act – requires that cause of death be listed as assisted suicide if lethal drugs used). This bill has passed in one house.
- Montana (HOUSE BILL NO. 328 – consent is not a defense for assisted suicide. This bill died on a tie vote in the House.
- Kansas (House Concurrent Resolution No. 5010) – resolution in opposition to the legalization of assisted suicide
- Arizona (Senate Bill 1439) – legislation passed and signed into law which gives conscience protection to medical professionals from involvement in assisted suicide

Active Bills to Legalize/Expand Assisted Suicide in 2017:

- New Jersey (S 2474 --carryover from 2016)
- New York (S.3151/A.2383 , A.3598 “End-of-Life Options” Act)
- Massachusetts (H.1194, S.1225)
- Pennsylvania (SB 238)
- Alaska (HB 54 - Voluntary Termination of Life)
- Oklahoma (HJR 1009 -- Ballot measure)
- Maine (SP 113, An Act to Support Death With Dignity)
- Minnesota (SF 1572 – End of Life Options Act)

- Wisconsin
- Nevada (SB 261)
- Oregon (SB 893)

Defeated Bills to Legalize Assisted Suicide in 2017

- Mississippi (Death with Dignity Act Senate Bill 2283) – died in committee
- Utah (HB 76) – tabled
- Tennessee (SB 1378, HB 1394) – withdrawn
- Maryland (SB 354) – withdrawn; HB 370 – died in committee
- Wyoming (HB 0122) – bill was drafted but not introduced, dead at this time
- New Mexico (House Bill 171, SB 252) – defeated by Senate vote
- Indiana (SB 273, HB 1561) – died in committee
- Hawaii (HB 150, HB 201, HB 550, SB 357. SB 1129) – tabled in committee. There is a last ditch effort going on to pull the bill from committee for a vote in the House.
- Nebraska (Legislative Bill 450) – not a priority bill
- Connecticut (H.B. No. 6024, HB 6238) – died in committee
- Kansas (HB 2120 Death With Dignity Act) – died in committee
- Arizona (HB 2336) – died in committee
- Iowa, (Senate File 215, House File 299) – died in committee
- Missouri (Death With Dignity Act HB 524) – attempt to add to another bill failed

Assisted Suicide Laws Going Into Effect

- District of Columbia. Congressional Resolutions of Disapproval to overturn “The Death with Dignity Act of 2015” in the District of Columbia (H.J. Res 27/S.J. Res 4). Passed in a House committee but the full House and Senate failed to act before the February 17 deadline. Assisted suicide is now legal in the District of Columbia.