

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Ingalls Senate Bill Number 505

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO LEGALIZE PHYSICIAN ASSISTED
2 SUICIDE (PAS) IN MONTANA"

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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6 **Section 1. Purpose:** A person has the right to die as they chose.

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8 **Section 2. Definitions:** As used in this bill the words "Assisted Suicide" means: Someone
9 provides an individual with the information, guidance, and means to take his or her own life with
10 the intention that they will be used for this purpose. "Physician Assisted Suicide" means: When
11 it is a licensed medical physician recognized by the State of Montana who helps another person
12 to terminate his/her life.

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14 **Section 3. Guidelines:** In the State of Montana physician assisted suicide should be monitored
15 by at least three licensed medical physicians who have had approved bioethics training. It would
16 be legal only if the person requesting PAS is suffering with a terminal illness, has a disease with
17 unremitting and uncontrollable pain and or discomfort, or is in a persistent vegetative state with
18 the consent of the patient or of the patient's family members.

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20 **Section 4. Protection:** All physician assisted suicide done under these conditions will be exempt
21 from civil lawsuits.

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23 **Section 5. Effective Date:** One year after passage.

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