



# SENATE BILL No. 1311

November 29, 1994, Introduced by Senators DILLINGHAM and WELBORN and referred to the Committee on Family Law, Mental Health, and Corrections.

A bill to amend Act No. 270 of the Public Acts of 1992, entitled as amended

"An act to prohibit certain acts pertaining to the assistance of suicide; to provide for the development of legislative recommendations concerning certain issues related to death and dying, including assistance of suicide; to create the Michigan commission on death and dying; to prescribe its membership, powers, and duties; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date,"

as amended, being sections 752.1021 to 752.1027 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 8; and to repeal certain parts of the act.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. Act No. 270 of the Public Acts of 1992, as
- 2 amended, being sections 752.1021 to 752.1027 of the Michigan
- 3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 8 to read as
- 4 follows:

1        SEC. 8. (1) A PERSON WHO KNOWS THAT ANOTHER PERSON INTENDS  
2 TO COMMIT OR ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE AND WHO INTENTIONALLY DOES  
3 EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING IS GUILTY OF CRIMINAL ASSISTANCE TO SUI-  
4 CIDE, A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 4  
5 YEARS OR BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000.00, OR BOTH:

6        (A) PROVIDES THE PHYSICAL MEANS BY WHICH THE OTHER PERSON  
7 ATTEMPTS OR COMMITS SUICIDE.

8        (B) PARTICIPATES IN A PHYSICAL ACT BY WHICH THE OTHER PERSON  
9 ATTEMPTS OR COMMITS SUICIDE.

10       (2) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO WITHHOLDING OR WITH-  
11 DRAWING MEDICAL TREATMENT.

12       (3) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO PRESCRIBING, DISPENS-  
13 ING, OR ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS OR PROCEDURES IF THE INTENT IS  
14 TO RELIEVE PAIN OR DISCOMFORT AND NOT TO CAUSE DEATH, EVEN IF THE  
15 MEDICATION OR PROCEDURE MAY HASTEN OR INCREASE THE RISK OF DEATH.

16       Section 2. Section 7 of Act No. 270 of the Public Acts of  
17 1992, being section 752.1027 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
18 repealed.