



HOUSE BILL No. 5968

November 29 1994 Introduced by Reps Palamara and Sikkema and referred to the Committee on Public Health

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18 repealed