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A Bill

SENATE BILL 503

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 *AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED*
11 *SUICIDE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*
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Subtitle

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15 *CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF PHYSICIAN-*
16 *ASSISTED SUICIDE.*
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-10-106 is amended to read as follows:
22 5-10-106. Physician-assisted suicide.

23 (a)(1) As used in this section, "physician-assisted suicide" means a
24 physician or health care provider participating in a medical procedure or
25 knowingly prescribing any drug, compound, or substance for the express
26 purpose of assisting a patient to intentionally end the patient's life.

27 (2) However, "physician-assisted suicide" does not apply to a
28 person participating in the execution of a person sentenced by a court to
29 death by lethal injection.

30 (b) It is unlawful for ~~any~~ a physician or ~~health-care~~ healthcare
31 provider to commit the offense of physician-assisted suicide by:

32 (1) Prescribing any drug, compound, or substance to a patient
33 with the express purpose of assisting the patient to intentionally end the
34 patient's life; or

35 (2) Assisting in any medical procedure for the express purpose
36 of assisting a patient to intentionally end the patient's life.



1 (c) ~~Upon conviction, any physician or health care provider violating~~
2 ~~subsection (b) of this section is guilty of Physician-assisted suicide is a~~
3 Class G B felony.

4 (d) ~~Nothing in this section prohibits~~ This section does not prohibit
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6 (1) Physician or ~~health care~~ healthcare provider from carrying
7 out an advanced directive or living will; or

8 (2) Physician from prescribing any drug, compound, or substance
9 for the specific purpose of pain relief.

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12 /s/Bledsoe

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