

1 H.568

2 Introduced by Representative Till of Jericho

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; end-of-life choices; physicians; pharmacists; liability

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide
7 immunity for pharmacists and consulting physicians who participate in the
8 provision to a qualified patient of medication to hasten his or her death.

9 An act relating to immunity for certain health care providers

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5285 is amended to read:

12 § 5285. LIMITATIONS ON ACTIONS

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14 (d) A physician shall not be subject to any civil or criminal liability or
15 professional disciplinary action for making a medical confirmation pursuant to
16 subdivision 5283(a)(7) of this title.

17 (e) A pharmacist licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 36 shall not be
18 subject to any civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary action for
19 dispensing medication prescribed pursuant to subdivision 5283(a)(13)(B) or
20 5289(3) of this title.

- 1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on passage.