

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill  
3 No. 874 entitled “An act relating to consent for admission to hospice care and  
4 for DNR/COLST orders” respectfully reports that it has considered the same  
5 and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended  
6 by striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 2 to read as  
7 follows:

8 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 9708(f) is amended to read:

9 (f) The Department of Health shall adopt by rule ~~no later than~~ on or before  
10 July 1, 2014 2016, criteria for individuals who are not the patient, agent, or  
11 guardian, but who are giving informed consent for a DNR/COLST order. The  
12 rules shall include the following:

13 (1) other individuals permitted to give informed consent for a  
14 DNR/COLST order who shall be a family member of the patient or a person  
15 with a known close relationship to the patient; and

16 (2) parameters for how decisions should be made, which shall include at  
17 a minimum the protection of a patient’s own wishes in the same manner as in  
18 section 9711 of this title; ~~and~~

19 ~~(3) access to a hospital’s internal ethics protocols for use when there is a~~  
20 ~~disagreement over the appropriate person to give informed consent.~~

1 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE