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2 Senator Hartwell moves that the bill be amended as follows:

3 First: In Sec. 2, 18 V.S.A. § 5283, in subdivision (a)(6), following
4 “relationship”, by inserting and advise the patient of the physician’s duty to
5 notify the patient’s next of kin if the patient does not do so

6 Second: In Sec. 2, 18 V.S.A. chapter 113, by striking out section 5287 in its
7 entirety and inserting a new section 5287 in lieu thereof to read:

8 § 5287. REQUIRED NOTIFICATION

9 (a) The attending physician shall recommend that the patient notify the
10 patient’s next of kin or someone with whom the patient has a significant
11 relationship of the patient’s request for medication in accordance with this
12 chapter.

13 (b) If the patient is unable or unwilling to notify his or her next of kin, the
14 attending physician shall notify the patient’s next of kin of the patient’s request
15 for medication in accordance with this chapter.

16 (c) A patient who has no surviving next of kin shall not be refused
17 medication in accordance with this chapter.