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Introduced by Representatives Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton,
Savage of Swanton, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; patient choice at end of life

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require an independent third party to be present when a patient self-administers a lethal dose of medication to hasten his or her own death. It would also require that the patient be able to make and communicate health care decisions personally and not through another person familiar with the patient's manner of communicating.

An act relating to requiring a witness and independent communication in exercising patient choice at end of life

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

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this act is to protect patients from abuse under 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 39.

