

1 S.108

2 Introduced by Committee on Health and Welfare

3 Date: February 24, 2015

4 Subject: Health; patient choice at end of life; physicians; immunity

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the
6 July 1, 2016 sunset and continue providing immunity for physicians who
7 follow a specific process to prescribe medication to a patient with a terminal
8 condition for the purpose of hastening the patient's death. The bill would also
9 repeal provisions scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2016 that provide
10 immunity for physicians who prescribe a dose of medication that may be lethal
11 to a patient, in the event that the patient later takes a lethal dose of the
12 medication.

13 An act relating to repealing the sunset on provisions pertaining to patient
14 choice at end of life

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

16 Sec. 1. REPEALS

17 (a) 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 39, Sec. 2 (repeal of 18 V.S.A. § 5283,
18 immunity for prescription and documentation, on July 1, 2016) is repealed.

19 (b) 18 V.S.A. §§ 5289 (protection of patient choice at end of life) and 5290
20 (immunity for physicians) are repealed.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on passage.