

Testimony to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee
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S. 62, An act relating to surrogate decision making for do-not resuscitate (DNR) orders and clinician orders for life-sustaining treatment (COLST)

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The Division of Licensing and Protection licenses and regulates a variety of providers in the State of Vermont to include nursing homes, residential care homes, assisted living facilities, home health agencies, hospice agencies, and therapeutic care residences.

The Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living would be impacted by section 3 of S. 62, Surrogate Decision Making for DNR/COLST Orders, which requires DAIL to amend its licensing and operating rules for nursing home in order to comply with the language of the bill. The Division of Licensing and Protection supports the changes that would be necessary to operationalize S.62 and is willing to facilitate the changes to these Long Term Care Regulations.