

1 H.320

2 Introduced by Representative Donahue of Northfield

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; physicians; patient's bill of rights; palliative care; pain  
6 management

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to specify that  
8 the patient's bill of rights for palliative care and pain management does not  
9 impose on physicians an affirmative duty to offer information that has not been  
10 requested by a patient regarding patient choices at the end of life.

11 An act relating to physicians' duties under the patient's bill of rights for  
12 palliative care and pain management

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

14 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1872 is added to read:

15 § 1872. DUTIES OF A PHYSICIAN

16 Nothing in the bill of rights in section 1871 of this title shall be construed to  
17 impose upon any physician an affirmative duty to offer information that has  
18 not been requested by a patient related to patient choice at end of life pursuant  
19 to chapter 113 of this title.

- 1      Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2      This act shall take effect on passage.