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2 3	An act relating to removing the residency requirement from Vermont's patient choice at end of life laws
4	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
5	Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5281 is amended to read:
6	§ 5281. DEFINITIONS
7	As used in this chapter:
8	* * *
9	(8) "Patient" means a person who is 18 years of age or older, a resident
10	of Vermont, and under the care of a physician.
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12	Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 5283 is amended to read:
13	§ 5283. REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION AND
14	DOCUMENTATION; IMMUNITY
15	(a) A physician shall not be subject to any civil or criminal liability or
16	professional disciplinary action if the physician prescribes to a patient with a
17	terminal condition medication to be self-administered for the purpose of
18	hastening the patient's death and the physician affirms by documenting in the
19	patient's medical record that all of the following occurred:
20	* * *
21	(5) The physician determined that the patient:

1	(A) was suffering a terminal condition, based on the physician's
2	review of the patient's relevant medical records and a physician's physical
3	examination of the patient;
4	(B) was capable;
5	(C) was making an informed decision; and
6	(D) had made a voluntary request for medication to hasten the
7	patient's own death; and
8	(E) was a Vermont resident.
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10	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
11	This act shall take effect on passage.