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2 An act relating to removing the residency requirement from Vermont's  
3 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:

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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:

