

## Sample Bill

### 5<sup>TH</sup> Alabama YMCA Collegiate Legislature

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#### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

TITLE: To make the practice of euthanasia by licensed physicians on terminally ill patients legal under certain provisions. These provisions to be detailed further in the sections of the bill.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE COLLEGIATE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

Section I: Definitions-

**Euthanasia** - The practice of ending a person's life for the reason of relief from pain and suffering, normally in the case of terminally ill patients.

**Terminally Die** - That is, having a condition which severely limits one's daily activities and will ultimately lead to a painful death.

**Licensed Physician** - A person who is certified to practice medicine in the State of Alabama.

Section II: It is hereby legal for a physician, with the express written consent of his terminally ill patient, to end the life of said patient, provided that the patient is mentally competent.

Section III: The mental capacity of the patient must be evaluated by a panel of three certified psychiatrist, these doctors will provide the licensed physician with a written report of said patient's mental condition.

Section IV: If the patient is found to be mentally incompetent by the panel of said psychiatrist then the patient is to be physically reevaluated by a panel of physicians to determine the severity of the patient's physical state. If the state of the patient is found to be beyond a recoverable state then the decision of the panel will become the final decision.

Section V: In the instance that said patients is living with the assistance of a machine and the family cannot be contacted, the patient's living will (if one exists) will designate the proper course to be taken.

Section VI: All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of Alabama in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

Section VII: This act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor or its otherwise becoming a law.