

NEVADA GIRLS STATE  
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Memorializes the 2019 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will allow competent, terminally ill adults the right to death with dignity through physician assisted suicide

WHEREAS, assisted suicide would be an alternative to physical and psychological distress due to terminal illnesses and would allow the end to these complications in a controlled environment; and

WHEREAS, terminally ill patients find an alternative path to death, including refusing treatment and suicide, and assisted suicide would provide them with peaceful death; and

WHEREAS, the expenses of medical care and living in retirement homes are steep, and if it is a patient's desire to end their life this would benefit the patient as well as their next of kin and the state; and

WHEREAS, when a cure is impossible, and palliation has failed to achieve its objective, the physician has an obligation to end suffering of the patient believes it is their best course of treatment; and

WHEREAS, countless states and countries, including: the Netherlands, Canada, Switzerland, Belgium, Columbia, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, and Oregon have enacted similar programs and have seen great success; and

WHEREAS, the patient has been confirmed terminally ill and competent by at least two physicians, are a Nevada citizen, and have made a fully informed, voluntary decision; and

WHEREAS, the physician is general immunity from legal action for the patient's death given the physician does not violate any standard of care; and

WHEREAS, the patient has the right to revoke their request without repercussion; and

WHEREAS, life insurance companies may not refuse to sell or provide life insurance or deny benefits to a policyholder or beneficiary because the insured requested or revoked a request for lethal substances in order to assist them in death; and

WHEREAS, if either physician has any doubt about the patient's competence the patient must be evaluated by a psychologist I; and

WHEREAS, assisted suicide may not be offered to a minor under any circumstances; and

WHEREAS, physicians abusing this bill or engaging in coercive acts intended to influence patients to choose assisted suicide may be charged with a category A felony; and

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on June 29, 2018 that the 2019 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to allow terminally ill patients the option of assisted suicide in order to peacefully and in a controlled environment, and their life with the terms and conditions listed above.