



SENATE BILL No. 211

January 26, 1993, Introduced by Senators DILLINGHAM, SCHWARZ, WELBORN, DINGELL and GEAKE and referred to the Committee on Family Law, Criminal Law, and Corrections.

A bill to amend section 7 of Act No. 270 of the Public Acts of 1992, entitled

"An act to create the Michigan commission on death and dying; to prescribe its membership, powers, and duties; to provide for the development of legislative recommendations concerning certain issues related to death and dying; to prohibit certain acts pertaining to the assistance of suicide; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date,"

being section 752.1027 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 7 of Act No. 270 of the Public Acts of
2 1992, being section 752.1027 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 7. (1) A person who has knowledge that another person
5 intends to commit or attempt to commit suicide and who intention-
6 ally does either of the following is guilty of criminal
7 assistance to suicide, a felony punishable by imprisonment for

1 not more than 4 years or by a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or
2 both:

3 (a) Provides the physical means by which the other person
4 attempts or commits suicide.

5 (b) Participates in a physical act by which the other person
6 attempts or commits suicide.

7 (2) Subsection (1) shall neither be applicable to nor be
8 deemed to affect any other laws that may be applicable to with-
9 holding or withdrawing medical treatment by a licensed health
10 care professional.

11 (3) A licensed health care professional who administers,
12 prescribes, or dispenses, OR A PERSON WHO UNDER THE SUPERVISION
13 OF A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTERS, medications
14 or procedures to relieve a person's pain or discomfort, even if
15 the medication or procedure may hasten or increase the risk of
16 death, is not guilty of assistance to suicide under this section
17 unless the medications or procedures are ~~knowingly and~~
18 ~~intentionally~~ administered, prescribed, or dispensed ~~to cause~~
19 WITH THE SPECIFIC INTENT OF CAUSING death.

20 (4) This section is repealed effective 6 months after the
21 date the commission makes its recommendations to the legislature
22 pursuant to section 4.