

SENATE BILL No. 663

September 20, 2001, Introduced by Senators SHUGARS, HAMMERSTROM, MC MANUS and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 5653 (MCL 333.5653), as amended by 2000 PA 58.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 5653. (1) As used in this part:

2 (a) "Health facility" means a health facility or agency
3 licensed under article 17.

4 (b) "Hospice" means that term as defined in section 20106.

5 (c) "Medical treatment" means a treatment including, but not
6 limited to, palliative care treatment, or a procedure, medica-
7 tion, surgery, a diagnostic test, or a hospice plan of care that
8 may be ordered, provided, or withheld or withdrawn by a health
9 professional or a health facility under generally accepted
10 standards of medical practice and that is not prohibited by law.

1 (d) "Patient" means an individual who is under the care of a
2 physician.

3 (e) "Patient advocate" means that term as described and used
4 in sections 5506 to 5512 of the estates and protected individuals
5 code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5506 to 700.5512.

6 (f) "Patient surrogate" means the parent or legal guardian
7 of a patient who is a minor, or a member of the immediate family,
8 the next of kin, or the legal guardian of a patient who has a
9 condition other than minority that prevents the patient from
10 giving consent to medical treatment.

11 (g) "Physician" means that term as defined in section 17001
12 or 17501.

13 (h) "Terminal illness" means a disease or condition due to
14 which, in the opinion of a physician, a ~~patient's death is~~
15 ~~anticipated within 6 months after the date of the physician's~~
16 ~~opinion~~ PATIENT HAS A REDUCED LIFE EXPECTANCY.

17 (2) Article 1 contains general definitions and principles of
18 construction applicable to all articles in this code.