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S.B. NO. 2440

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature believes that a terminally ill  
2 patient's decision-making over the time and means of death is a  
3 highly personal matter. A terminally ill patient's request for  
4 the assistance of a physician to accelerate death ought to be  
5 treated with dignity and respect. Therefore, the legislature  
6 finds it appropriate, compassionate, and humane for the State to  
7 authorize a physician to prescribe medication to empower a  
8 mentally competent and terminally ill adult patient, who has a  
9 full understanding of the patient's options and consequences, to  
10 exercise control over this intensely private decision. The  
11 purpose of this Act is to authorize physician-assisted suicide.

12           SECTION 2. Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding,  
13 a terminally ill, competent adult suffering from an incurable  
14 and irreversible disease that will produce death within six  
15 months may obtain, upon written request, a prescription from a  
16 licensed physician for medication of a self administered oral  
17 lethal dose.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

By Request



SB 2448

**Report Title:**

Physician-Assisted Suicide

**Description:**

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