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An act to mandate the administration of advance directive forms for inmates.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Advanced directives are legal documents that allow an individual to spell out decisions about end-of-life care, ahead of time.

Section 2: Currently, in Kentucky, inmates are not presented the Do not resuscitate (DNR) form upon entering prison. This means any life-threatening harm resulting in hospitalization of the prisoner causes uncertainty among medical personnel of appropriate actions to take.

Section 3: Do not resuscitate forms allow a person to decide, before an emergency occurs, whether or not they would like for medical personnel to utilize CPR (hands-only and defibrillator) in order to revive them. These forms do not affect other treatments such as, medicines or nutrition.

Section 4: This bill will permit inmates to use the DNR form to choose what they want to happen to their own life, allowing hospitals to avoid possible lawsuits from resuscitating inmates that claim to have been resuscitated against their wishes.

Section 5: The cost will be negligible as hospitals already have these forms.

Section 6: Medical assistants already present in the hospital associated with the prison will be responsible for the administration of said forms.

Section 7: The prison administration will be responsible for ensuring the signed forms are on file for each inmate. The prisoners already in the penitentiary will be given forms as will new prisoners. In the case that a form is not present and the inmate (or related party) wishes to sue, the lawsuit will be brought against the prison rather than the hospital.

Section 8: This bill will go into effect six months after passage. The prisons will have these six months to distribute forms to current prisoners.