

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # HB 02						
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1 An act to allow terminally ill residents of Kentucky to have the choice to self-administer lethal drugs to end
2 their life.
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section I: Physician assisted suicide allows a physician to prescribe a lethal dose of medication to terminally
7 ill patients so that they may die on their own terms.
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9 Section II: In order to request the prescription a patient must be 18 years or older and a resident of
10 Kentucky, have been diagnosed with a terminal illness that will lead to death within 1 year by two certified
11 doctors, and have a competent mind when requesting the prescription. Competent will be defined by a
12 certified physician as well as a registered psychiatrist after five hours of in-person evaluation.
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14 Section III: To receive a prescription for lethal medication the patient, at a scheduled appointment, must
15 make two or more private, verbal requests to a certified physician separated by at least 15 days. The patient
16 must also provide a written request to his/her physician, signed in the presence of two witnesses.
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18 Section IV: Physicians who would like to participate in physician assisted suicide must publish an annual
19 statistical report including how many prescriptions for lethal medication they filled, how many patients
20 committed physician assisted suicide, and their diagnosis. Additionally, they must take an online course to be
21 properly trained in the requirements and procedures of physician assisted suicide.. The course will be created
22 and run by the state. Physicians are also required to inform the patient of feasible alternatives to physician
23 assisted suicide, including comfort care, hospice care, and pain control. The prescribing physician must
24 request, but may not require, the patient to notify his or her next-of-kin of the prescription request.
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26 Section V: In order to fill their prescription and complete physician assisted suicide, the patient and physician
27 schedule a time, date and location. The location must be a private residence or in a medical facility. On the
28 scheduled day, the physician will prepare the medicine after making sure the patient is ready and wants to
29 go through with his or her decision. The patient must independently administer the lethal medication in the
30 presence of their physician.
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32 Section VI: Insurance companies will not be required to offer the choice of physician assisted suicide,
33 however if they do, they must also offer alternate treatment.
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35 Section VII: In order to create and maintain the online training course, the Health and Welfare Committee of
36 Kentucky will provide an initial cost \$200,000. Following its implementation, doctors will pay a fee of \$500
37 dollars to take the online course. Every 5 years they must renew their certification for \$200. The fees
38 collected from doctors will cover the ongoing cost of maintaining the course.
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40 Section VIII: This bill will go into effect one year after its passing.