

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 496
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “allowing” in line 4 down through “Act;” in line 8.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 3, strike “OR LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL”.

On page 3, in line 30, strike “OR LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 9, after “SUICIDE” insert “WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE PERSON’S INTENT TO USE THE PHYSICAL MEANS TO COMMIT SUICIDE”; in line 14, after “MAY” insert “HASTEN OR”; and strike beginning with “, PROVIDED” in line 15 down through “REASON” in line 18 and substitute “UNLESS THE MEDICATIONS OR PROCEDURES ARE KNOWINGLY ADMINISTERED, PRESCRIBED, OR DISPENSED TO CAUSE DEATH”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 18, insert:

“(2) A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS A CARE GIVER FOR A PATIENT ENROLLED IN A LICENSED HOSPICE PROGRAM AND WHO UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTERS OR DISPENSES MEDICATIONS OR PROCEDURES TO RELIEVE PAIN, EVEN IF THE MEDICATION OR PROCEDURE MAY HASTEN OR INCREASE THE RISK OF DEATH, IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE MEDICATIONS OR PROCEDURES ARE KNOWINGLY ADMINISTERED OR DISPENSED TO CAUSE DEATH.”;

in line 19, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”; and in line 21, strike “§ 5-609” and substitute “THE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 2 through line 29 on page 3, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, in line 32, strike “3 YEARS” and substitute “1 YEAR”.

On page 3, in line 30, strike “(H)” and substitute “(D)”.