

HB 140 (2025)

Assisted Suicide

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WHAT THE BILL DOES

HB 140 permits an adult Delaware resident with a terminal diagnosis and prognosis of six months or less to request and self-administer medication intended to end the individual's life. An attending and consulting physician or advanced practice registered nurse must confirm the diagnosis, prognosis, capacity, informed decision, and voluntariness. The definition for terminal diagnosis is left broad enough to include anorexia nervosa and diabetes, just as it has in other states.

APPLICATION - There is a major difference between palliative care, which relieves pain and provides comfort, from medication intended to cause death. Its also worth pointing out the lack of reliability of terminal prognoses. Doctors are not always completely correct. , In other states, statutory safeguards have been challenged or removed entirely, leaving the vulnerable even more at risk of being taken advantage of. Ultimately, human life retains God-given dignity even through illness and suffering.

OUTCOME: Signed into law May 20, 2025.

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ROLL CALL

HOUSE 3/18/25: 21 YES / 17 NO
• SENATE 4/17/25: 11 YES / 8 NO

VOTED YES

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