

1975 ASSEMBLY BILL 1207

October 22, 1975 -- Introduced by Representative BARBEE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 AN ACT to repeal 940.12; and to create 895.50 and 940.10 of the
2 statutes, relating to establishing a right to die.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that a person may request any person 14 years of age or older to cause the death of the requestor. Any person who causes death pursuant to a valid request will not be civilly liable for his actions and will not be guilty of murder, manslaughter or homicide. A death request may be written or oral. Persons less than 7 years of age are not able to make valid requests to die. Other persons under 18 years of age will have to notify their parents or guardian, whichever is applicable, prior to making a valid death request. The crime of assisting suicide is abolished.

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4 The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and
5 assembly, do enact as follows:

6 SECTION 1. 895.50 of the statutes is created to read:

7 895.50 THE RIGHT TO DIE. (1) Except as otherwise provided in
8 this section, any person may request any person 14 years of age or
9 older to terminate the life of the requestor. Any such request may
10 be either oral or written. Any person terminating the life of a
11 requestor, pursuant to a valid request, shall not be civilly liable
12 for his actions and shall not be considered in violation of ss.

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1 940.01 to 940.09.

2 (2) Prior to requesting another person to terminate the
3 requestor's life, the requestor, if married, shall notify his spouse
4 of his decision. Permission from the spouse shall not be a condi-
5 tion precedent to making a valid request to die.

6 (3) (a) A person under 7 years of age shall not be able to
7 make a valid request to have his life terminated under sub. (1).

8 (b) A person 7 years of age or older but under 18 years of age
9 shall notify his parents or guardian, whichever is applicable, prior
10 to requesting another person to terminate the requestor's life.
11 Permission from such parents or guardian shall not be a condition
12 precedent to making a valid request to die.

13 SECTION 2. 940.10 of the statutes is created to read:

14 940.10 RIGHT TO DIE EXCEPTION. No person may be considered
15 in violation of ss. 940.01 to 940.09 if he complies with a valid
16 request to terminate another person's life as provided in s. 895.50.

17 SECTION 3. 940.12 of the statutes is repealed.
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