

HB 1226 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **1226**

AN ACT                establishing a committee to study end-of-life decisions.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Weed, Ches 16; Rep. Phillips, Ches 5; Rep. Vaillancourt, Hills 15;  
Rep. Winters, Hills 18; Rep. O'Flaherty, Hills 12

COMMITTEE:          Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study end-of-life decisions.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study end-of-life decisions.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study end-of-life decisions.

2            2 Membership and Compensation.

3            I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

4                    (a) Six members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
5 representatives.

6                    (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

7            II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
8 the duties of the committee.

9            3 Duties. The committee shall study end-of-life decisions. The committee's study shall include,  
10 but not be limited to, reviewing RSA 137-J, investigating the positive and negative effects of  
11 legislation in states that have enacted aid in dying laws, how to encourage careful and responsible  
12 deliberation about this complex and emotional issue, and any other matter the committee deems  
13 relevant to its objective.

14            4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
15 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
16 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
17 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

18            5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
19 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
20 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2014.

21            6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.