

HB 151 – VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL ***151***

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

SPONSORS: Rep. Phillips, Ches 16

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

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

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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, innovation practices of other states,
12 specifically Minnesota, Wisconsin, and California, how to encourage careful and responsible
13 deliberation about this complex and emotional issue, and any other matter the committee deems
14 relevant to its objective.

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

19 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
20 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
21 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2015.

22 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.