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Sponsor(s): Representatives Dyer, Cody, Murray, Zellinsky, Skinner, Costa and Ballasiotes

Brief Title: Creating the end-of-life care act.

**HB 2853 - DIGEST**

Declares that a qualified patient has the right to make voluntary and informed choices of care including a request for home care, hospice care, psychological and social counseling, palliative care, as well as a voluntary revocable recorded request for withholding cardiopulmonary resuscitation and/or for palliative sedation that may have the double effect of hastening death.

Declares that physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, pharmacists, and health care institutions have the right to participate voluntarily in end-of-life care in good-faith compliance with the requirements of this act without being subject to civil, criminal, or professional liability.

Declares that a withholding of cardiopulmonary resuscitation in good-faith compliance with the requirements of this act, or a hastened death resulting from palliative sedation administered or delivered in good-faith compliance with the requirements of this act, is not assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.