

2367-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Ballasiotes, Cody, McDermott, Veloria, Lysen, Darneille, Dickerson, Linville, Lovick, Edwards, Kagi and Kenney)

Brief Description: Authorizing advance directives for mental health treatment.

HB 2367-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that a person has the ability to control decisions relating to his or her own mental health care even when the person's ability to declare his or her choices is impaired due to mental illness.

Recognizes that an advance directive can be an essential tool for a person to express his or her choices before the effects of mental illness deprive the person of the power to express his or her instructions and preferences for mental health treatment.

Affirms that, pursuant to other provisions of law, a mental health advance directive created under this act should be respected by medical and mental health professionals, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, and other surrogate decision makers acting on behalf of the person who created it.