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Sponsor(s): Senators Keiser, Parlette, Hargrove, Deccio and Kline

Brief Description: Authorizing mental health advance directives.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that: (1) A mental health advance directive must provide the individual with a full range of choices;

(2) Mentally ill individuals have varying perspectives on whether they want to be able to revoke a directive during periods of incapacity;

(3) For a mental health advance directive to be an effective tool, individuals must be able to choose how they want their directives treated during periods of incapacity; and

(4) There must be clear standards so that treatment providers can readily discern an individual's treatment choices.

Affirms that, pursuant to other provisions of law, a validly executed mental health advance directive is to be respected by agents, guardians, and other surrogate decision makers, health care providers, professional persons, and health care facilities.