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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act; defining terms; permitting certain person to make request for medication for certain purpose; setting forth certain requirements for valid request; providing certain responsibilities of attending physician; requiring certain confirmation by consulting physician; requiring counseling under certain circumstance; requiring informed consent; requiring oral and written requests prior to receiving certain medication and requiring certain time period; requiring certain medical record documentation; providing residency requirements; requiring State Department of Health to review certain records; providing for certain construction; providing immunity for certain individuals; providing certain penalties; requiring certain form; providing certain penalties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act".

1       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.2 of Title 63, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       As used in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act:

5       1. "Adult" means an individual who is eighteen (18) years of  
6 age or older;

7       2. "Attending physician" means the physician who has primary  
8 responsibility for the care of the patient and treatment of the  
9 patient's terminal disease;

10       3. "Capable" means that in the opinion of a court or in the  
11 opinion of the patient's attending physician or consulting  
12 physician, psychiatrist or psychologist a patient has the ability to  
13 make and communicate health care decisions to health care providers,  
14 including communication through persons familiar with the patient's  
15 manner of communicating if those persons are available;

16       4. "Consulting physician" means a physician who is qualified by  
17 specialty or experience to make a professional diagnosis and  
18 prognosis regarding the patient's disease;

19       5. "Counseling" means one or more consultations as necessary  
20 between a state-licensed psychiatrist or psychologist and a patient  
21 for the purpose of determining that the patient is capable and not  
22 suffering from a psychiatric or psychological disorder or depression  
23 causing impaired judgment;

1       6. "Health care provider" means a person licensed, certified or  
2 otherwise authorized or permitted by the law of this state to  
3 administer health care or dispense medication in the ordinary course  
4 of business or practice of a profession and includes a health care  
5 facility;

6       7. "Informed decision" means a decision by a qualified patient  
7 to request and obtain a prescription to end his or her life in a  
8 humane and dignified manner, which is based on an appreciation of  
9 the relevant facts and after being fully informed by the attending  
10 physician of:

- 11           a. his or her medical diagnosis,
- 12           b. his or her prognosis,
- 13           c. the potential risks associated with taking the  
14           medication to be prescribed,
- 15           d. the probable result of taking the medication to be  
16           prescribed, and
- 17           e. the feasible alternatives, including, but not limited  
18           to, comfort care, hospice care and pain control;

19       8. "Medically confirmed" means the medical opinion of the  
20 attending physician has been confirmed by a consulting physician who  
21 has examined the patient and the patient's relevant medical records;

22       9. "Patient" means a person who is under the care of a  
23 physician;  
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1        10. "Physician" means a doctor of medicine or osteopathy  
2 licensed to practice medicine by the State Board of Medical  
3 Licensure and Supervision;

4        11. "Qualified patient" means a capable adult who is a resident  
5 of Oklahoma and has satisfied the requirements of the Oklahoma Death  
6 with Dignity Act in order to obtain a prescription for medication to  
7 end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner; and

8        12. "Terminal disease" means an incurable and irreversible  
9 disease that has been medically confirmed and will, within  
10 reasonable medical judgment, produce death within six (6) months.

11        SECTION 3.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.3 of Title 63, unless there  
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14        A. An adult who is capable, is a resident of Oklahoma, and has  
15 been determined by the attending physician and consulting physician  
16 to be suffering from a terminal disease, and who has voluntarily  
17 expressed his or her wish to die, may make a written request for  
18 medication for the purpose of ending his or her life in a humane and  
19 dignified manner in accordance with the Oklahoma Death with Dignity  
20 Act.

21        B. No person shall qualify under the provisions of the Oklahoma  
22 Death with Dignity Act solely because of age or disability.  
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1       SECTION 4.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.4 of Title 63, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. A valid request for medication under the Oklahoma Death with  
5 Dignity Act shall be in substantially the form described in Section  
6 21 of this act, signed and dated by the patient and witnessed by at  
7 least two individuals who, in the presence of the patient, attest  
8 that to the best of their knowledge and belief the patient is  
9 capable, acting voluntarily, and is not being coerced to sign the  
10 request.

11       B. One of the witnesses shall be a person who is not:

12       1. A relative of the patient by blood, marriage or adoption;

13       2. A person who at the time the request is signed would be  
14 entitled to any portion of the estate of the qualified patient upon  
15 death under any will or by operation of law; or

16       3. An owner, operator or employee of a health care facility  
17 where the qualified patient is receiving medical treatment or is a  
18 resident.

19       C. The patient's attending physician at the time the request is  
20 signed shall not be a witness.

21       D. If the patient is a patient in a long-term care facility at  
22 the time the written request is made, one of the witnesses shall be  
23 an individual designated by the facility and having the  
24 qualifications specified by the State Department of Health by rule.

1       SECTION 5.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.5 of Title 63, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. The attending physician shall:

5       1. Make the initial determination of whether a patient has a  
6 terminal disease, is capable, and has made the request voluntarily;

7       2. Request that the patient demonstrate Oklahoma residency  
8 pursuant to Section 14 of this act;

9       3. To ensure that the patient is making an informed decision,  
10 inform the patient of:

11       a. his or her medical diagnosis,

12       b. his or her prognosis,

13       c. the potential risks associated with taking the  
14 medication to be prescribed,

15       d. the probable result of taking the medication to be  
16 prescribed, and

17       e. the feasible alternatives, including, but not limited  
18 to, comfort care, hospice care and pain control;

19       4. Refer the patient to a consulting physician for medical  
20 confirmation of the diagnosis, and for a determination that the  
21 patient is capable and acting voluntarily;

22       5. Refer the patient for counseling if appropriate pursuant to  
23 Section 7 of this act;

24       6. Recommend that the patient notify next of kin;

1        7. Counsel the patient about the importance of having another  
2 person present when the patient takes the medication prescribed  
3 pursuant to the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act and of not taking  
4 the medication in a public place;

5        8. Inform the patient that he or she has an opportunity to  
6 rescind the request at any time and in any manner and offer the  
7 patient an opportunity to rescind at the end of the fifteen-day  
8 waiting period pursuant to Section 10 of this act;

9        9. Verify, immediately prior to writing the prescription for  
10 medication under the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act, that the  
11 patient is making an informed decision;

12       10. Fulfill the medical record documentation requirements of  
13 Section 13 of this act;

14       11. Ensure that all appropriate steps are carried out in  
15 accordance with the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act prior to writing  
16 a prescription for medication to enable a qualified patient to end  
17 his or her life in a humane and dignified manner; and

18       12. a. dispense medications directly, including ancillary  
19 medications intended to facilitate the desired effect  
20 to minimize the patient's discomfort, provided the  
21 attending physician is registered as a dispensing  
22 physician with the State Board of Medical Licensure  
23 and Supervision, has a current Drug Enforcement  
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Administration certificate and complies with any applicable administrative rule, or

b. with the patient's written consent:

- (1) contact a pharmacist and inform the pharmacist of the prescription, and
- (2) deliver the written prescription personally or by mail to the pharmacist, who will dispense the medications to either the patient, the attending physician or an expressly identified agent of the patient.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the attending physician may sign the patient's death certificate.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.6 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Before a patient is qualified under the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act, a consulting physician shall examine the patient and his or her relevant medical records and confirm, in writing, the attending physician's diagnosis that the patient is suffering from a terminal disease and verify that the patient is capable, is acting voluntarily and has made an informed decision.

SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.7 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:



1 If in the opinion of the attending physician or the consulting  
2 physician a patient may be suffering from a psychiatric or  
3 psychological disorder or depression causing impaired judgment,  
4 either physician shall refer the patient for counseling. No  
5 medication to end a patient's life in a humane and dignified manner  
6 shall be prescribed until the person performing the counseling  
7 determines that the patient is not suffering from a psychiatric or  
8 psychological disorder or depression causing impaired judgment.

9 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.8 of Title 63, unless there  
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 No person shall receive a prescription for medication to end his  
13 or her life in a humane and dignified manner unless he or she has  
14 made an informed decision as defined in Section 18 of this act.  
15 Immediately prior to writing a prescription for medication under the  
16 Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act, the attending physician shall  
17 verify that the patient is making an informed decision.

18 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.9 of Title 63, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 The attending physician shall recommend that the patient notify  
22 the next of kin of his or her request for medication pursuant to the  
23 Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act. A patient who declines or is  
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1 unable to notify next of kin shall not have his or her request  
2 denied for that reason.

3 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.10 of Title 63, unless  
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 In order to receive a prescription for medication to end his or  
7 her life in a humane and dignified manner, a qualified patient shall  
8 have made an oral request and a written request and reiterate the  
9 oral request to his or her attending physician no less than fifteen  
10 (15) days after making the initial oral request. At the time the  
11 qualified patient makes his or her second oral request, the  
12 attending physician shall offer the patient an opportunity to  
13 rescind the request.

14 SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.11 of Title 63, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A patient may rescind his or her request at any time and in any  
18 manner without regard to his or her mental state. No prescription  
19 for medication under the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act may be  
20 written without the attending physician offering the qualified  
21 patient an opportunity to rescind the request.

22 SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.12 of Title 63, unless  
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       No less than fifteen (15) days shall elapse between the  
2 patient's initial oral request and the writing of a prescription  
3 under the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act. No less than forty-eight  
4 (48) hours shall elapse between the patient's written request and  
5 the writing of a prescription under the Oklahoma Death with Dignity  
6 Act.

7       SECTION 13.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.13 of Title 63, unless  
9 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10       The following shall be documented or filed in the patient's  
11 medical record:

12       1. All oral requests by a patient for medication to end his or  
13 her life in a humane and dignified manner;

14       2. All written requests by a patient for medication to end his  
15 or her life in a humane and dignified manner;

16       3. The attending physician's diagnosis and prognosis,  
17 determination that the patient is capable, acting voluntarily and  
18 has made an informed decision;

19       4. The consulting physician's diagnosis and prognosis, and  
20 verification that the patient is capable, acting voluntarily and has  
21 made an informed decision;

22       5. A report of the outcome and determinations made during  
23 counseling, if performed;

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1       6. The attending physician's offer to the patient to rescind  
2 his or her request at the time of the patient's second oral request  
3 pursuant to Section 10 of this act; and

4       7. A note by the attending physician indicating that all  
5 requirements under the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act have been met  
6 and indicating the steps taken to carry out the request, including a  
7 notation of the medication prescribed.

8       SECTION 14.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.14 of Title 63, unless  
10 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11       Only requests made by Oklahoma residents under the Oklahoma  
12 Death with Dignity Act shall be granted. Factors demonstrating  
13 Oklahoma residency include but are not limited to:

- 14       1. Possession of an Oklahoma driver license;
- 15       2. Registration to vote in Oklahoma;
- 16       3. Evidence that the person owns or leases property in  
17 Oklahoma; or
- 18       4. Filing of an Oklahoma tax return for the most recent tax  
19 year.

20       SECTION 15.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.15 of Title 63, unless  
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. 1. The State Department of Health shall annually review a  
2 sample of records maintained pursuant to the Oklahoma Death with  
3 Dignity Act.

4       2. The Department shall require any health care provider upon  
5 dispensing medication pursuant to the Oklahoma Death with Dignity  
6 Act to file a copy of the dispensing record with the Department.

7       B. The Department shall promulgate rules to facilitate the  
8 collection of information regarding compliance with the Oklahoma  
9 Death with Dignity Act. Except as otherwise required by law, the  
10 information collected shall not be a public record and may not be  
11 made available for inspection by the public.

12       C. The Department shall generate and make available to the  
13 public an annual statistical report of information collected under  
14 subsection B of this section.

15       SECTION 16.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.16 of Title 63, unless  
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18       A. No provision in a contract, will or other agreement, whether  
19 written or oral, to the extent the provision would affect whether a  
20 person may make or rescind a request for medication to end his or  
21 her life in a humane and dignified manner, shall be valid.

22       B. No obligation owing under any currently existing contract  
23 shall be conditioned or affected by the making or rescinding of a  
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1 request, by a person, for medication to end his or her life in a  
2 humane and dignified manner.

3 SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.17 of Title 63, unless  
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 The sale, procurement, or issuance of any life, health, or  
7 accident insurance or annuity policy or the rate charged for any  
8 policy shall not be conditioned upon or affected by the making or  
9 rescinding of a request by a person for medication to end his or her  
10 life in a humane and dignified manner. Neither shall a qualified  
11 patient's act of ingesting medication to end his or her life in a  
12 humane and dignified manner have an effect upon a life, health, or  
13 accident insurance or annuity policy.

14 SECTION 18. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.18 of Title 63, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 Nothing in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act shall be  
18 construed to authorize a physician or any other person to end a  
19 patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing or active  
20 euthanasia. Actions taken in accordance with the Oklahoma Death  
21 with Dignity Act shall not, for any purpose, constitute suicide,  
22 assisted suicide, mercy killing or homicide, under the law.  
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1       SECTION 19.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.19 of Title 63, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       Except as provided in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act:

5       1. No person shall be subject to civil or criminal liability or  
6 professional disciplinary action for participating in good-faith  
7 compliance with the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act, including being  
8 present when a qualified patient takes the prescribed medication to  
9 end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner;

10       2. No professional organization or association, or health care  
11 provider, may subject a person to censure, discipline, suspension,  
12 loss of license, loss of privileges, loss of membership or other  
13 penalty for participating or refusing to participate in good-faith  
14 compliance with the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act;

15       3. No request by a patient for or provision by an attending  
16 physician of medication in good-faith compliance with the provisions  
17 of the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act shall constitute neglect for  
18 any purpose of law or provide the sole basis for the appointment of  
19 a guardian or conservator;

20       4. No health care provider shall be under any duty, whether by  
21 contract, by statute or by any other legal requirement, to  
22 participate in the provision to a qualified patient of medication to  
23 end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner. If a health  
24 care provider is unable or unwilling to carry out a patient's

1 request under the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act, and the patient  
2 transfers his or her care to a new health care provider, the prior  
3 health care provider shall transfer, upon request, a copy of the  
4 patient's relevant medical records to the new health care provider;

5       5.    a.    Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a health  
6                care provider may prohibit another health care  
7                provider from participating in the Oklahoma Death with  
8                Dignity Act on the premises of the prohibiting  
9                provider if the prohibiting provider has notified the  
10              health care provider of the prohibiting provider's  
11              policy regarding participating in the Oklahoma Death  
12              with Dignity Act. Nothing in this paragraph prevents  
13              a health care provider from providing health care  
14              services to a patient that do not constitute  
15              participation in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act.

16        b.    Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 through  
17              4 of this section, a health care provider may subject  
18              another health care provider to the sanctions stated  
19              in this subparagraph if the sanctioning health care  
20              provider has notified the sanctioned provider prior to  
21              participation in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act  
22              that it prohibits participation in the Oklahoma Death  
23              with Dignity Act:  
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- 1 (1) loss of privileges, loss of membership or other  
2 sanction provided pursuant to the medical staff  
3 bylaws, policies and procedures of the  
4 sanctioning health care provider if the  
5 sanctioned provider is a member of the  
6 sanctioning provider's medical staff and  
7 participates in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity  
8 Act while on the health care facility premises of  
9 the sanctioning health care provider, but not  
10 including the private medical office of a  
11 physician or other provider,
- 12 (2) termination of lease or other property contract  
13 or other nonmonetary remedies provided by lease  
14 contract, not including loss or restriction of  
15 medical staff privileges or exclusion from a  
16 provider panel, if the sanctioned provider  
17 participates in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity  
18 Act while on the premises of the sanctioning  
19 health care provider or on property that is owned  
20 by or under the direct control of the sanctioning  
21 health care provider, or
- 22 (3) termination of contract or other nonmonetary  
23 remedies provided by contract if the sanctioned  
24 provider participates in the Oklahoma Death with

1 Dignity Act while acting in the course and scope  
2 of the sanctioned provider's capacity as an  
3 employee or independent contractor of the  
4 sanctioning health care provider. Nothing in  
5 this division shall be construed to prevent:

6 (a) a health care provider from participating in  
7 the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act while  
8 acting outside the course and scope of the  
9 provider's capacity as an employee or  
1 0 independent contractor, or

1 1 (b) a patient from contracting with his or her  
1 2 attending physician and consulting physician  
1 3 to act outside the course and scope of the  
1 4 provider's capacity as an employee or  
1 5 independent contractor of the sanctioning  
1 6 health care provider.

1 7 c. A health care provider that imposes sanctions pursuant  
1 8 to subparagraph b of this paragraph must follow all  
1 9 due process and other procedures the sanctioning  
2 0 health care provider may have that are related to the  
2 1 imposition of sanctions on another health care  
2 2 provider.

2 3 d. For purposes of this paragraph:  
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1 (1) "notify" means a separate statement in writing to  
2 the health care provider specifically informing  
3 the health care provider prior to the provider's  
4 participation in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity  
5 Act of the sanctioning health care provider's  
6 policy about participation in activities covered  
7 by the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act,

8 (2) "participate in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity  
9 Act" means to perform the duties of an attending  
10 physician pursuant to Section 5 of this act, the  
11 consulting physician function pursuant to Section  
12 6 of this act or the counseling function pursuant  
13 to Section 7 of this act. "Participate in the  
14 Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act" does not  
15 include:

16 (a) making an initial determination that a  
17 patient has a terminal disease and informing  
18 the patient of the medical prognosis,

19 (b) providing information about the Oklahoma  
20 Death with Dignity Act to a patient upon the  
21 request of the patient,

22 (c) providing a patient, upon the request of the  
23 patient, with a referral to another  
24 physician, or

1 (d) a patient contracting with his or her  
2 attending physician and consulting physician  
3 to act outside of the course and scope of  
4 the provider's capacity as an employee or  
5 independent contractor of the sanctioning  
6 health care provider;

7 6. Suspension or termination of staff membership or privileges  
8 under paragraph 5 of this section is not reportable under the  
9 Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act. Action taken pursuant to the  
10 Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act shall not be the sole basis for a  
11 report of unprofessional conduct; and

12 7. No provision of the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act shall be  
13 construed to allow a lower standard of care for patients in the  
14 community where the patient is treated or a similar community.

15 SECTION 20. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.20 of Title 63, unless  
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. A person who without authorization of the patient willfully  
19 alters or forges a request for medication or conceals or destroys a  
20 rescission of that request with the intent or effect of causing the  
21 patient's death shall be guilty of a felony.

22 B. A person who coerces or exerts undue influence on a patient  
23 to request medication for the purpose of ending the patient's life,  
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1 or to destroy a rescission of such a request, shall be guilty of a  
2 felony.

3 C. Nothing in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act limits  
4 further liability for civil damages resulting from other negligent  
5 conduct or intentional misconduct by any person.

6 D. The penalties in the Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act do not  
7 preclude criminal penalties applicable under other law for conduct  
8 which is inconsistent with the provisions of the Oklahoma Death with  
9 Dignity Act.

10 SECTION 21. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.21 of Title 63, unless  
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 Any governmental entity that incurs costs resulting from a  
14 person terminating his or her life pursuant to the provisions of the  
15 Oklahoma Death with Dignity Act in a public place shall have a claim  
16 against the estate of the person to recover such costs and  
17 reasonable attorney fees related to enforcing the claim.

18 SECTION 22. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.22 of Title 63, unless  
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A request for a medication as authorized by the Oklahoma Death  
22 with Dignity Act shall be in substantially the following form:

23 REQUEST FOR MEDICATION

24 TO END MY LIFE IN A HUMANE

1 AND DIGNIFIED MANNER

2 I, \_\_\_\_\_, am an adult of sound mind.

3 I am suffering from \_\_\_\_\_, which my attending physician has  
4 determined is a terminal disease and which has been medically  
5 confirmed by a consulting physician.

6 I have been fully informed of my diagnosis, prognosis, the  
7 nature of medication to be prescribed and potential associated  
8 risks, the expected result, and the feasible alternatives, including  
9 comfort care, hospice care and pain control.

10 I request that my attending physician prescribe medication that  
11 will end my life in a humane and dignified manner.

12 INITIAL ONE:

13 \_\_\_\_ I have informed my family of my decision and taken their  
14 opinions into consideration.

15 \_\_\_\_ I have decided not to inform my family of my decision.

16 \_\_\_\_ I have no family to inform of my decision.

17 I understand that I have the right to rescind this request at  
18 any time.

19 I understand the full import of this request and I expect to die  
20 when I take the medication to be prescribed. I further understand  
21 that although most deaths occur within three hours, my death may  
22 take longer and my physician has counseled me about this  
23 possibility.  
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1 I make this request voluntarily and without reservation, and I  
2 accept full moral responsibility for my actions.

3 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

4 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

5 DECLARATION OF WITNESSES

6 We declare that the person signing this request:

- 7 1. Is personally known to us or has provided proof of identity;  
8 2. Signed this request in our presence;  
9 3. Appears to be of sound mind and not under duress, fraud or  
10 undue influence;  
11 4. Is not a patient for whom either of us is attending  
12 physician.

13 \_\_\_\_\_ Witness 1/Date

14 \_\_\_\_\_ Witness 2/Date

15 NOTE: One witness shall not be a relative (by blood, marriage or  
16 adoption) of the person signing this request, shall not be entitled  
17 to any portion of the person's estate upon death and shall not own,  
18 operate or be employed at a health care facility where the person is  
19 a patient or resident. If the patient is an inpatient at a health  
20 care facility, one of the witnesses shall be an individual  
21 designated by the facility.

22 SECTION 23. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.23 of Title 63, unless  
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. It shall be a felony for a person without authorization of  
2 the principal to willfully alter, forge, conceal or destroy an  
3 instrument, the reinstatement or revocation of an instrument or any  
4 other evidence or document reflecting the principal's desires and  
5 interests, with the intent and effect of causing a withholding or  
6 withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures or of artificially  
7 administered nutrition and hydration which hastens the death of the  
8 principal.

9       B. Except as provided in subsection A of this section, it shall  
10 be a misdemeanor for a person without authorization of the principal  
11 to willfully alter, forge, conceal or destroy an instrument, the  
12 reinstatement or revocation of an instrument, or any other evidence  
13 or document reflecting the principal's desires and interests with  
14 the intent or effect of affecting a health care decision.

15       SECTION 24. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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