

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 937 creates the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act of 2025. The measure provides that it shall be assumed that an individual shall be capable of independent health care decisions unless a court determines the individual lacks capacity to do so or the presumption is rebutted after examination by a physician, psychologist, or certain qualified individuals. Any finding that an individual is not capable of making health care decisions shall be documented, with the person making the finding required to sign the document. The measure authorizes individuals to create a document showing their preferences for future health care. Any instruction contradicting an earlier instruction shall supersede the previous instruction.

The measure also authorizes individuals to create a power of attorney for health care to appoint an agent to make health care decisions for the individual unless the agent poses a danger to the patient or the agent is an owner, employee, or contractor of a nursing home or other residential care facility in which the individual resides or is receiving care. An agent's health care decisions shall be effective without judicial approval.

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