

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 1086

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

HEALTH/DEATH-DYING: Provides for general application of laws relative to medical consent and declarations concerning life-sustaining procedures

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1299.55 and 1299.58.10(A), relative to consent to medical
3 treatment and procedures; to provide for general application of laws providing for
4 medical consent and declarations concerning life-sustaining procedures; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1299.55 and 1299.58.10(A) are hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 §1299.55. Construction of part; general application

10 A. The provisions of this Part shall be liberally construed, and all
11 relationships set forth herein shall include the marital, adoptive, foster and step-
12 relations as well as the natural whole blood. A consent by one person so authorized
13 and empowered shall be sufficient. Any person acting in good faith shall be justified
14 in relying on the representations of any person purporting to give such a consent,
15 including, but not limited to, his identity, his age, his marital status, his
16 emancipation, and his relationship to any other person for whom the consent is
17 purportedly given.

18 B. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to condone, authorize, or approve
19 assistance to suicide, mercy killing, or euthanasia.

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