

Regular Session, 2012

# ACT No. 715

HOUSE BILL NO. 1086

BY REPRESENTATIVES SEABAUGH, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARNOLD, BADON, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BROADWATER, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIMBURNS, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CONNICK, COX, EDWARDS, FRANKLIN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, KATRINA JACKSON, LEBAS, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MILLER, JAY MORRIS, ORTEGO, POPE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, SCHEXNAYDER, SIMON, TALBOT, THOMPSON, WHITNEY, PATRICK WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT AND SENATOR NEVERS

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 emancipation,  
16 and his relationship to any other person for whom the consent is purportedly given.

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

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1           §1299.58.10. General application

2                   A. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to condone, authorize, or approve  
3           assistance to suicide, mercy killing, or euthanasia; or to permit any affirmative or  
4           deliberate act or omission to end life other than to permit the natural process of  
5           dying.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_