

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 503

By: Senators Bledsoe, E. Cheatham, J. Cooper, Flipppo, K. Hammer, J. Hendren, B. Johnson, Rapert, G. Stubblefield, D. Wallace

By: Representative Bentley

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

*AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED  
SUICIDE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

#### **Subtitle**

*CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF PHYSICIAN-  
ASSISTED SUICIDE.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-10-106 is amended to read as follows:  
5-10-106. Physician-assisted suicide.

(a)(1) As used in this section, “physician-assisted suicide” means a physician or health care provider participating in a medical procedure or knowingly prescribing any drug, compound, or substance for the express purpose of assisting a patient to intentionally end the patient’s life.

(2) However, “physician-assisted suicide” does not apply to a person participating in the execution of a person sentenced by a court to death by lethal injection.

(b) It is unlawful for ~~any~~ a physician or ~~health-care~~ healthcare provider to commit the offense of physician-assisted suicide by:

(1) Prescribing any drug, compound, or substance to a patient with the express purpose of assisting the patient to intentionally end the patient’s life; or

(2) Assisting in any medical procedure for the express purpose of assisting a patient to intentionally end the patient’s life.



(c) ~~Upon conviction, any physician or health care provider violating subsection (b) of this section is guilty of Physician-assisted suicide is a Class G B felony.~~

(d) ~~Nothing in this section prohibits~~ This section does not prohibit  
a:

(1) Physician or ~~health care~~ healthcare provider from carrying out an advanced directive or living will; or

(2) Physician from prescribing any drug, compound, or substance for the specific purpose of pain relief.

*/s/Bledsoe*