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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ADVANCE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS DETERMINING
102 THE SCOPE OF TREATMENT AN ADULT WISHES TO RECEIVE
103 UNDER CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CIRCUMSTANCES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under current law, an adult may establish advance medical orders for scope of treatment, allowing an adult to establish directives for the administration of medical treatment in the event the adult later lacks decisional capacity to provide informed consent to, withdraw from, or refuse medical treatment.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

The bill creates a similar order for behavioral health orders for scope of treatment so that an adult may communicate his or her behavioral health history, decisions, and preferences.

The bill:

- ! Lists the requirements for a behavioral health orders for scope of treatment form;
- ! Details the duties and immunities of emergency medical services personnel, health care providers, and health care facilities with respect to treating an adult with behavioral health orders for scope of treatment;
- ! Details how a behavioral health orders for scope of treatment form is executed, amended, or revoked; and
- ! Prohibits an effect on a health insurance contract, life insurance contract, or annuity, by executing or failing to execute a behavioral health orders for scope of treatment.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Colorado law has traditionally recognized the right of an adult
5 or his or her authorized agent to accept or reject health care or treatment;

6 (b) Each adult has the right to establish instructions for the
7 administration of behavioral health treatment;

8 (c) Current instruments for making instructions concerning
9 medical orders for scope of treatment do not adequately address the
10 complexities associated with behavioral health treatment; and

11 (d) Adults with behavioral health disorders are in particular need
12 of a consistent method for identifying and communicating critical
13 behavioral health treatment history, decisions, and preferences that each
14 sector of the health care community will recognize and follow.

15 (2) The general assembly therefore concludes that it is in the best
16 interests of the people of Colorado to create a behavioral health orders for
17 scope of treatment. Consistent with the goal of enhancing

1 patient-centered, compassionate care through methods to enhance
2 continuity and communication across health care settings, behavioral
3 health orders for scope of treatment will provide a process for timely
4 discussion between adults, their health care providers, and their
5 authorized agents about behavioral health treatment, and will ensure those
6 preferences are clearly and unequivocally documented.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 2 to article
8 18.7 of title 15 as follows:

9 **PART 2**
10 **DIRECTIVES CONCERNING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
11 **ORDERS FOR SCOPE OF TREATMENT**

12 **15-18.7-201. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2, UNLESS THE
13 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

14 (1) "ADULT" MEANS A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

15 (2) "AGENT" MEANS A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
16 WHO IS AUTHORIZED BY AN ADULT TO MAKE DECISIONS CONCERNING
17 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT, MEDICATION, AND ALTERNATIVE
18 TREATMENT FOR THE ADULT TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY THE ADULT.

19 (3) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH
20 IN SECTION 27-60-100.3 (1).

21 (4) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FOR SCOPE OF TREATMENT" OR
22 "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM" MEANS A WRITTEN INSTRUCTION,
23 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-18.7-202, CONCERNING BEHAVIORAL
24 HEALTH TREATMENT, MEDICATION, AND ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT
25 DECISIONS, PREFERENCES, AND HISTORY TO BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE
26 ADULT WHO PROVIDED THE INSTRUCTION.

27 (5) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT" MEANS THE PROVISION,

1 WITHHOLDING, OR WITHDRAWAL OF ANY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

2 (a) EXAMINATION;

3 (b) SERVICE;

4 (c) PROCEDURE; OR

5 (d) MEDICATION.

6 (6) "DISINTERESTED WITNESS" MEANS AN ADULT OTHER THAN A
7 SPOUSE, DOMESTIC PARTNER, ROMANTIC PARTNER, CHILD, PARENT,
8 SIBLING, GRANDCHILD, GRANDPARENT, HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, OR
9 PERSON ENTITLED TO A PORTION OF THE ADULT'S ESTATE, WHO CAN
10 ATTEST THAT THE ADULT EXECUTING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS
11 FORM WAS OF SOUND MIND AND FREE OF COERCION WHEN HE OR SHE
12 SIGNED THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM.

13 (7) "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL" MEANS:

14 (a) AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER WHO IS CERTIFIED
15 OR LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT,
16 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1-102;

17 (b) A FIRST RESPONDER CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
18 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT OR THE DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND
19 CONTROL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
20 PART 12 OF ARTICLE 33.5 OF TITLE 24; OR

21 (c) A CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM CONTRACTOR, AS DEFINED IN
22 SECTION 27-60-100.3 (4).

23 (8) "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" MEANS:

24 (a) A HOSPITAL;

25 (b) A HOSPICE INPATIENT RESIDENCE;

26 (c) A NURSING FACILITY;

27 (d) A DIALYSIS TREATMENT FACILITY;

- 1 (e) AN ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE;
- 2 (f) AN ENTITY THAT PROVIDES HOME-BASED AND
- 3 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES;
- 4 (g) A HOSPICE OR HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY;
- 5 (h) THE COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AT FORT LOGAN;
- 6 (i) THE COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AT PUEBLO; OR
- 7 (j) ANOTHER FACILITY THAT PROVIDES OR CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE
- 8 HEALTH CARE SERVICES, WHICH FACILITY IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR
- 9 OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED OR PERMITTED BY LAW TO PROVIDE MEDICAL
- 10 TREATMENT.

11 (9) "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" MEANS:

- 12 (a) A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES MEDICAL
- 13 TREATMENT TO AN ADULT AND WHO IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR
- 14 OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED OR PERMITTED BY LAW TO PROVIDE MEDICAL
- 15 TREATMENT OR WHO IS EMPLOYED BY OR ACTING FOR SUCH AN
- 16 AUTHORIZED PERSON;
- 17 (b) A PROFESSIONAL PERSON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-65-102
- 18 (17);
- 19 (c) A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR
- 20 REGISTERED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43 OF TITLE 12; OR
- 21 (d) ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REGULATED BY THE
- 22 STATE WHEN ENGAGED IN ASSISTING CONSUMERS WITH BEHAVIORAL
- 23 HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COVERAGE ISSUES.

24 **15-18.7-202. Behavioral health orders for scope of treatment**
25 **- form contents - effect.** (1) A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM MUST
26 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ADULT WHOSE
27 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT, MEDICATION, AND ALTERNATIVE

1 TREATMENT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS
2 FORM:

3 (a) THE ADULT'S NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, AND GENDER;

4 (b) THE ADULT'S EYE AND HAIR COLOR;

5 (c) THE ADULT'S RACE OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND;

6 (d) THE ADULT'S INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
7 TREATMENT;

8 (e) THE ADULT'S INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING MEDICATION,
9 INCLUDING PRIMARY AND ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONS;

10 (f) THE ADULT'S INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE
11 TREATMENT;

12 (g) THE ADULT'S INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING APPOINTING AN
13 AGENT OR NOT APPOINTING AN AGENT. IF THE ADULT CHOOSES TO APPOINT
14 AN AGENT, HE OR SHE MUST INCLUDE:

15 (I) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE AGENT;
16 AND

17 (II) THE SCOPE OF THE AGENT'S AUTHORITY WHEN ACTING ON
18 BEHALF OF THE ADULT. THE SCOPE OF THE AGENT'S AUTHORITY MUST BE
19 EITHER:

20 (A) THE AGENT IS LIMITED TO EXECUTING THE ADULT'S
21 INSTRUCTIONS DETAILED ON THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM; OR

22 (B) THE AGENT HAS AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS CONCERNING
23 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT, MEDICATION, AND ALTERNATIVE
24 TREATMENT ON BEHALF OF THE ADULT;

25 (h) THE ADULT'S SIGNATURE OR MARK, AND THE DATE THAT THE
26 ADULT SIGNED THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM;

27 (i) TWO DISINTERESTED WITNESSES' SIGNATURES OR MARKS, AND

1 THE DATE THAT THE DISINTERESTED WITNESSES SIGNED THE BEHAVIORAL
2 HEALTH ORDERS FORM;

3 (j) THE AGENT'S SIGNATURE OR MARK, AND THE DATE THAT THE
4 AGENT SIGNED THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM, IF APPLICABLE;

5 (k) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE
6 ADULT'S HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, IF APPLICABLE; AND

7 (l) THE NAME OF THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY IN WHICH THE ADULT
8 IS ENROLLED, IF APPLICABLE.

9 (2) A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM IS EFFECTIVE UPON
10 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

11 **15-18.7-203. Amendment and revocation of a behavioral**
12 **health orders for scope of treatment.** (1) THE ADULT MAY AMEND OR
13 REVOKE ALL OR PART OF HIS OR HER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM
14 AT ANY TIME.

15 (2) IN ORDER TO EXECUTE A VALID AMENDMENT OR REVOCATION,
16 THE ADULT MUST:

17 (a) EXECUTE A NEW BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM; OR

18 (b) MARK THE EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM IN A
19 MANNER THAT CLEARLY COMMUNICATES THE INTENT TO AMEND OR
20 REVOKE ALL OR PART OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM.

21 (3) IN ORDER FOR THE AMENDMENT OR REVOCATION TO BE VALID,
22 THE AMENDMENT OR REVOCATION MUST INCLUDE:

23 (a) THE ADULT'S SIGNATURE OR MARK, AND THE DATE THAT THE
24 ADULT EXECUTED THE NEW BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM OR
25 AMENDED OR REVOKED THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM;

26 (b) TWO DISINTERESTED WITNESSES' SIGNATURES OR MARKS, AND
27 THE DATE THAT THE DISINTERESTED WITNESSES SIGNED THE NEW

1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM OR THE AMENDED OR REVOKED
2 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM; AND

3 (c) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3)(c)(II) OF THIS
4 SECTION, THE AGENT'S SIGNATURE OR MARK, AND THE DATE THAT THE
5 AGENT SIGNED THE NEW BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM OR THE
6 AMENDED OR REVOKED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM, IF
7 APPLICABLE.

8 (II) AN AGENT'S SIGNATURE OR MARK MUST NOT BE REQUIRED FOR
9 AN AMENDMENT TO BE VALID IF THE ADULT IS AMENDING THE
10 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM TO REMOVE THE AGENT.

11 (4) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL, A HEALTH CARE
12 PROVIDER, OR AN AGENT WHO BECOMES AWARE OF A NEW, AMENDED, OR
13 REVOKED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM SHALL PROMPTLY
14 COMMUNICATE THE FACT TO A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO IS PROVIDING
15 CARE TO THE ADULT WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
16 ORDERS FORM.

17 (5) A PROPERLY EXECUTED NEW, AMENDED, OR REVOKED
18 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM CONTROLS OVER A PREVIOUSLY
19 EXECUTED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM.

20 **15-18.7-204. Effect of behavioral health orders for scope of**
21 **treatment.** (1) IN EXECUTING A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM, THE
22 ADULT, AGENT, AND THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHALL MAKE A
23 GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO LOCATE AND INCORPORATE, AS APPROPRIATE AND
24 DESIRED, THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT, MEDICATION, AND
25 ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT DECISIONS, PREFERENCES, OR HISTORY
26 DOCUMENTED IN THE ADULT'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM.

27 (2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF

1 THIS SECTION, IN CASE OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
2 ORDERS FORM AND AN ADULT'S ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE, THE
3 DOCUMENT MOST RECENTLY EXECUTED CONTROLS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL
4 HEALTH TREATMENT, MEDICATION, OR ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT
5 DECISION OR PREFERENCE AT ISSUE.

6 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART 2 TO THE
7 CONTRARY:

8 (a) AN AGENT OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY NOT REVOKE OR
9 AMEND THE ADULT'S PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED ADVANCE MEDICAL
10 DIRECTIVE REGARDING PROVISION OF ARTIFICIAL NUTRITION OR
11 HYDRATION IF THE DIRECTIVE IS DOCUMENTED IN A DECLARATION
12 EXECUTED BY THE ADULT PURSUANT TO THE "COLORADO MEDICAL
13 TREATMENT DECISION ACT", ARTICLE 18 OF THIS TITLE 15.

14 (b) AN AGENT MAY NOT REVOKE A PREEXISTING CPR DIRECTIVE
15 UNLESS IT WAS ORIGINALLY EXECUTED BY THE AGENT.

16 (c) AN AGENT WHO IS A PROXY DECISION-MAKER PURSUANT TO
17 ARTICLE 18.5 OF THIS TITLE 15 MAY AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF
18 ARTIFICIAL NUTRITION OR HYDRATION ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
19 SECTION 15-18.5-103 (6).

20 **15-18.7-205. Duty to comply with behavioral health orders for**
21 **scope of treatment - immunity - effect on criminal charges against**
22 **another person - transferability.** (1) (a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE
23 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL, A
24 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, OR A HEALTH CARE FACILITY SHALL COMPLY
25 WITH AN ADULT'S EXECUTED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM THAT:

26 (I) HAS BEEN EXECUTED IN THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE;

27 (II) IS APPARENT AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE; AND

1 (III) REASONABLY SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN
2 SECTION 15-18.7-202.

3 (b) IF THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO SIGNED THE ADULT'S
4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM DOES NOT HAVE ADMITTING
5 PRIVILEGES AT THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY WHERE THE ADULT IS BEING
6 TREATED, THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL, A HEALTH CARE
7 PROVIDER, OR A HEALTH CARE FACILITY SHALL STILL COMPLY WITH THE
8 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1)(a)
9 OF THIS SECTION.

10 (c) IN CASE OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE ADULT'S BEHAVIORAL
11 HEALTH ORDERS FORM AND THE ADULT'S REQUEST FOR BEHAVIORAL
12 HEALTH TREATMENT, MEDICATION, OR ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT
13 DECISION OR PREFERENCE, THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM
14 CONTROLS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT, MEDICATION, OR
15 ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT DECISION OR PREFERENCE AT ISSUE.

16 (2) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL, A HEALTH CARE
17 PROVIDER, A HEALTH CARE FACILITY, OR ANY OTHER PERSON WHO
18 COMPLIES WITH A LEGALLY EXECUTED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS
19 FORM THAT IS APPARENT AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AND THAT HE OR
20 SHE BELIEVES TO BE THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF THE BEHAVIORAL
21 HEALTH ORDERS FORM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY OR
22 REGULATORY SANCTION FOR SUCH COMPLIANCE.

23 (3) COMPLIANCE BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL,
24 A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, OR A HEALTH CARE FACILITY WITH AN
25 EXECUTED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM MUST NOT AFFECT THE
26 CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF A PERSON OTHERWISE CHARGED WITH THE
27 COMMISSION OF A CRIMINAL ACT.

1 (4) (a) NOTHING IN THIS PART 2 MODIFIES OR ALTERS ANY
2 GENERALLY ACCEPTED ETHICS, STANDARDS, PROTOCOLS, OR LAWS FOR
3 THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE OR NURSING, INCLUDING THE PROVISIONS IN
4 SECTION 15-18.6-108 CONCERNING EUTHANASIA AND MERCY KILLING.

5 (b) A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM DOES NOT COMPEL OR
6 AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL, A HEALTH CARE
7 PROVIDER, OR A HEALTH CARE FACILITY TO ADMINISTER BEHAVIORAL
8 HEALTH TREATMENT, MEDICATION, OR ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT THAT IS
9 PROHIBITED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW.

10 (5) IF THE ADULT WHO IS KNOWN TO HAVE PROPERLY EXECUTED
11 AND SIGNED A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM IS TRANSFERRED FROM
12 ONE HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO ANOTHER, THE
13 TRANSFERRING HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHALL
14 COMMUNICATE THE EXISTENCE OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS
15 FORM TO THE RECEIVING HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR HEALTH CARE
16 PROVIDER BEFORE THE TRANSFER. THE TRANSFERRING HEALTH CARE
17 FACILITY OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHALL ENSURE THAT THE
18 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM OR A COPY OF THE BEHAVIORAL
19 HEALTH ORDERS FORM ACCOMPANIES THE ADULT UPON ADMISSION TO OR
20 DISCHARGE FROM A HEALTH CARE FACILITY.

21 **15-18.7-206. Behavioral health orders for scope of treatment**
22 **not required for treatment.** A HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR A HEALTH
23 CARE PROVIDER SHALL NOT REQUIRE AN ADULT TO HAVE EXECUTED A
24 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FORM AS A CONDITION OF BEING ADMITTED
25 TO, OR RECEIVING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT, MEDICATION, OR
26 ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT FROM, THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR HEALTH
27 CARE PROVIDER.

1 **15-18.7-207. Effect of a behavioral health orders for scope of**
2 **treatment on life or health insurance.** NEITHER A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
3 ORDERS FORM NOR THE FAILURE OF AN ADULT TO EXECUTE A BEHAVIORAL
4 HEALTH ORDERS FORM AFFECTS, IMPAIRS, OR MODIFIES A CONTRACT OF
5 LIFE OR HEALTH INSURANCE OR AN ANNUITY OR IS THE BASIS FOR A DELAY
6 IN ISSUING OR REFUSAL TO ISSUE AN ANNUITY OR POLICY OF LIFE OR
7 HEALTH INSURANCE OR FOR ANY INCREASE OF A PREMIUM THEREFOR.

8 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 15-18.7-102, **amend**
9 the introductory portion as follows:

10 **15-18.7-102. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ PART 1, unless
11 the context otherwise requires:

12 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 15-18.7-104, **amend**
13 (6)(a) as follows:

14 **15-18.7-104. Duty to comply with medical orders for scope of**
15 **treatment form - immunity - effect on criminal charges against**
16 **another person - transferability.** (6) (a) Nothing in this ~~article~~ PART 1
17 shall be construed to modify or alter any generally accepted ethics,
18 standards, protocols, or laws for the practice of medicine or nursing,
19 including the provisions in section 15-18.6-108 concerning euthanasia
20 and mercy killing.

21 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
24 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
27 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.