CHAPTER 184

PROBATE, TRUSTS, AND FIDUCIARIES

SENATE BILL 94-142

BY SENATORS Wham, Feeley, and Johnson; also REPRESENTATIVE George.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT OF ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS TO CLARIFY EXISTING STATUTORY SAFEGUARDS FOR PATIENT AUTONOMY IN REGARD TO THE MAKING OF MEDICAL TREATMENT DECISIONS.

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

SECTION 1. 15-18.6-102, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1987 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

15-18.6-102. CPR directives for CPR - who may execute. Any adult over age eighteen who has the decisional capacity to provide informed consent to or refusal of medical treatment or any other person who is, pursuant to the laws of this state or any other state, authorized to make medical treatment decisions on behalf of an adult who lacks such decisional capacity, may execute a CPR directive. AFTER A PHYSICIAN ISSUES A "DO NOT RESUSCITATE" ORDER FOR A MINOR CHILD, AND ONLY THEN, MAY THE PARENTS OF THE MINOR, IF MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER, THE CUSTODIAL PARENT, OR THE LEGAL GUARDIAN EXECUTE A CPR DIRECTIVE.

SECTION 2. 15-18.6-107, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1987 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

15-18.6-107. Revocation of CPR directive. A CPR directive may be revoked at any time by a person who is the subject of such directive or by the agent or proxy decision-maker for such person. HOWEVER, ONLY THOSE CPR DIRECTIVES EXECUTED ORIGINALLY BY A GUARDIAN, AGENT, OR PROXY DECISION-MAKER MAY BE REVOKED BY A GUARDIAN, AGENT, OR PROXY DECISION-MAKER.

SECTION 3. 18-3-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1986 Repl. Vol., as amended,

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.
is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

18-3-104. Manslaughter. (3) This section shall not apply to a person, including a proxy decision-maker as such person is described in section 15-18.5-103, C.R.S., who complies with any advance medical directive in accordance with the provisions of title 15, C.R.S., including a medical durable power of attorney, a living will, or a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) directive.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 4, 1994