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AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the assisted suicide funding restriction act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 21.755, to read as follows:

21.755. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act".

- 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no funds appropriated by the general assembly shall be used to procure, furnish, fund or support, or compel any individual, institution or government entity to provide, procure, furnish, fund or support any item, good, benefit, program or service to cause or assist in causing the suicide, euthanasia or mercy killing of any individual.
- 8 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to create any limitation relating to:
 - (1) The withholding or withdrawing of medical treatment or care;
- 10 (2) The withholding or withdrawing of nutrition or hydration;
- 11 (3) Abortion; or
- 12 (4) The use of any item, good, benefit or service furnished to alleviate pain or
- 13 discomfort, even if such use may increase the risk of death, so long as such item, good,
- 14 benefit or service is not also furnished to cause or assist in causing death for any reason.