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HOUSE BILL NO. 113

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KIDD.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to life-sustaining treatment policies of health care facilities.

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

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.250, to read as follows:

191.250. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as “Simon’s Law”.

2. Upon the request of a patient or resident or a prospective patient or resident, a health care facility, nursing home, or physician shall disclose in writing any policies relating to a patient or resident or the services a patient or resident may receive involving life-sustaining or nonbeneficial treatment within the health care facility or agency.

3. Upon admission and upon request, if the patient or resident or prospective patient or resident is a minor child or minor ward, the health care facility, nursing home, or physician in charge shall provide in writing the policies described in subsection 2 of this section to at least one parent or legal guardian of the patient or resident or prospective patient or resident.

4. No health care facility, nursing home, physician, nurse, or medical staff shall withhold life-sustaining procedures, food, medication, or nutrition, nor place any restrictions on life-sustaining procedures including, but not limited to, food, medication, or nutrition for any minor patient, resident, or ward without the written permission of at least one parent or legal guardian of the minor patient or ward.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **5. No do-not-resuscitate order or similar physician's order shall be instituted either**
17 **orally or in writing without the written permission of at least one parent or legal guardian**
18 **of the minor patient or resident or prospective minor patient or resident.**

19 **6. Nothing in this section shall require a health care facility, nursing home, or**
20 **physician to have a written policy relating to or involving life-sustaining or nonbeneficial**
21 **treatment for minor or adult patients, residents, or wards.**

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