

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1915

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. 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 patient, resident, or ward under eighteen years of age without the written permission of at least one parent or legal guardian of the patient or ward.

4. No do-not-resuscitate order or similar physician’s order shall be instituted either orally or in writing without the written permission of at least one parent or legal guardian of the patient or resident under eighteen years of age or prospective patient or resident under eighteen years of age.

5. Nothing in this section shall require a health care facility, nursing home, or physician to have a written policy relating to or involving life-sustaining or nonbeneficial treatment for patients under eighteen years of age or adult patients, residents, or wards.

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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.