

SS HB 138 -- SIMON'S LAW

This bill establishes Simon's Law, which prohibits a health care facility, nursing home, physician, nurse, or medical staff from instituting a do-not-resuscitate order, or similar physician's order, for any child who is not emancipated or under juvenile or family court jurisdiction without oral or written permission of at least one parent or legal guardian.

The bill includes provisions for exceptions for when parents or legal guardians are not successfully contacted after diligent efforts, for children under court jurisdiction, and for children with relative caretakers.

Permission previously given under these provisions may be revoked in writing by the legal guardian or either parent of the patient.

The provisions do not require any treatment to be continued if it is medically inappropriate or would not result in further benefit or recovery of the patient.