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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council
2 to assign the topic of end of life options to the appropriate study
3 committee.

4 *Whereas, Studies show palliative care improves for patients*
5 *in states with medical aid in dying laws;*

6 *Whereas, Research has found having end of life options*
7 *available to terminally ill patients reduces fear and anxiety,*
8 *even for those who never choose the option;*

9 *Whereas, Six states - Oregon (1994), Washington (2008),*
10 *Montana (2009), Vermont (2013), California (2015), and*
11 *Colorado (2016) - have had medical aid in dying statutes in*
12 *place for a combined 40 years without a single case of abuse or*
13 *coercion; and*

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1 *Whereas, The General Assembly should study how*
2 *provisions such as those contained in House Bill 1157 filed*
3 *during the 2018 session and those already in statute in several*
4 *states could benefit Indiana residents: Therefore,*

5 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
6 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

7 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign
8 the topic of end of life options as proposed in House Bill 1157
9 to the appropriate study committee.

