Regular Session, 2012

ACT NO. 715

HOUSE BILL NO. 1086

BY REPRESENTATIVES SEABAUGH, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARNOLD, BADON, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BROADWATER, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CONNICK, COX, EDWARDS, FRANKLIN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, KATRINA JACKSON, LEBAS, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MILLER, JAY MORRIS, ORTEGO, POPE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, SCHEXNAYDER, SIMON, TALBOT, THOMPSON, WHITNEY, PATRICK WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT AND SENATOR NEVERS

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1299.55 and 1299.58.10(A), relative to consent to medical
3	treatment and procedures; to provide for general application of laws providing for
4	medical consent and declarations concerning life-sustaining procedures; and to
5	provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 40:1299.55 and 1299.58.10(A) are hereby amended and reenacted
8	to read as follows:
9	§1299.55. Construction of part; general application
10	A. The provisions of this Part shall be liberally construed, and all
11	relationships set forth herein shall include the marital, adoptive, foster and step-
12	relations as well as the natural whole blood. A consent by one person so authorized
13	and empowered shall be sufficient. Any person acting in good faith shall be justified
14	in relying on the representations of any person purporting to give such a consent,
15	including but not limited to his identity, his age, his marital status, his emancipation,
16	and his relationship to any other person for whom the consent is purportedly given.
17	B. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to condone, authorize, or approve
18	assistance to suicide, mercy killing, or euthanasia.
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1	§1299.58.10.	General application	

A. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to condone, authorize, or approve assistance to suicide, mercy killing, or euthanasia; or to permit any affirmative or deliberate act or omission to end life other than to permit the natural process of dying.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____