

1 H.255

2 Introduced by Representative Tate of Mendon

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; patient choice at end of life

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require an
7 independent third party to be present when a patient self-administers a lethal
8 dose of medication to hasten his or her own death. It would also require that
9 the patient be able to make and communicate health care decisions personally
10 and not through another person familiar with the patient's manner of
11 communicating.

12 An act relating to requiring a witness and independent communication in
13 exercising patient choice at end of life

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. PURPOSE

16 The purpose of this act is to protect patients from abuse under 2013 Acts
17 and Resolves No. 39.

