

### Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

**LRB Number**    **21-5523/1**                     
 **Introduction Number**    **AB-1078**

**Description**  
 permitting certain qualified individuals to make a request for medication for the purpose of ending their lives and providing a penalty

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
  - Increase Existing Appropriations
  - Decrease Existing Appropriations
  - Create New Appropriations
  - Increase Existing Revenues
  - Decrease Existing Revenues
  - Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
    - Yes       No
  - Decrease Costs

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1.  Increase Costs       Permissive     Mandatory
- 2.  Decrease Costs       Permissive     Mandatory
- 3.  Increase Revenue       Permissive     Mandatory
- 4.  Decrease Revenue       Permissive     Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
  - Towns       Village       Cities
  - Counties       Others
  - School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill permits an individual who is at least 18 years of age, mentally capable and has a terminal disease with a prognosis of less than six months to live to voluntarily request a prescription for medication for the purpose of ending his or her life. Under the bill, "terminal disease" means an incurable and irreversible disease that has been medically confirmed and will, within reasonable medical judgment, produce death within six months. The bill authorizes the individual's attending provider to issue a prescription for the medication if specified requirements are met. Under the bill, an attending or consulting provider must be a licensed physician, an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant. Death following self-administering medication under the requirements of the bill does not alone constitute grounds for post-mortem inquiry and such death may not be designated as suicide or homicide.

Additionally, under the bill, insurance, including insurance rates, may not be conditioned on or affected by an individual's act of making or rescinding a request for medication under the provisions of the bill. Further, a qualified individual's act of self-administering medication consistent with the provisions of the bill does not invalidate any part of a life, health, or accident insurance policy, or an annuity policy. Finally, no insurance plan may deny or alter benefits to an individual with a terminal disease who is a covered beneficiary based on the availability of medical aid in dying, the individual's request for medication under the provisions of the bill, or the absence of such a request.

At this time, OCI cannot determine whether this legislation will have an effect on staff time and agency resources.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications