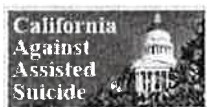


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MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014

**Arizona Strengthens its Law Against Assisted Suicide**

<http://www.kansascity.com/2014/04/30/4993778/brewer-signs-bill-targeting-assisted.html>

PHOENIX — Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer has signed a bill that aims to make it easier to prosecute people who help someone commit suicide.

Republican Rep. Justin Pierce of Mesa says his bill will make it easier for attorneys to prosecute people for manslaughter for assisting in suicide by more clearly defining what it means to "assist."

House Bill 2565 defines assisting in suicide as providing the physical means used to commit suicide, such as a gun. The bill originally also defined assisted suicide as "offering" the means to commit suicide, but a Senate amendment omitted that word.

The proposal was prompted by a difficult prosecution stemming from a 2007 assisted suicide in Maricopa County.

Brewer signed the bill on Wednesday.

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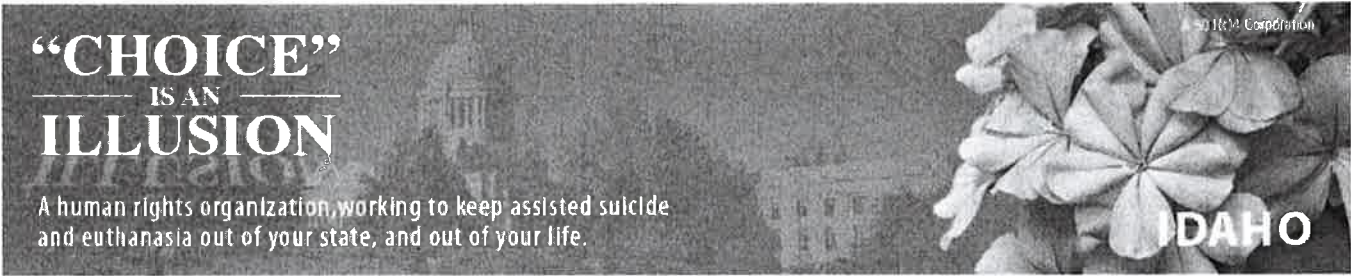
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Assisted suicide proponents claim that legalization will give you "choice." But whose choice will it be?

In Oregon where assisted suicide is legal, that state's Medicaid program uses coverage incentives to steer patients to suicide. See here.

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MONDAY, JULY 4, 2011

**Idaho Strengthens Law Against Assisted-Suicide**

By Margaret Dore

On April 5, 2011, Idaho Governor Butch Otto signed Senate Bill 1070 into law.[1] The bill explicitly provides that causing or aiding a suicide is a felony.[2]

Senate bill 1070 supplements existing Idaho law, which already imposed civil and criminal liability on doctors and others who cause or aid a suicide.[3] The bill's "Statement of Purpose" says: "This legislation will supplement existing common law and statutory law by confirming that it is illegal to cause or assist in the suicide of another." [4]

The bill was introduced in response to efforts by Compassion & Choices to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Idaho. The issue came to a head after that organization's legal director wrote articles claiming that the practice, which she called "aid in dying, was already legal in Idaho. Compassion & Choices was formerly known as the Hemlock Society.[5]

The legal director's articles included "Aid in Dying: Law, Geography and Standard of Care in Idaho," published in *The Advocate*, the official publication of the Idaho State Bar.[6] Responding letters to the editor stated that the article was "a gross misunderstanding of Idaho law" and that "[f]alse claims about what the law of Idaho actually is, published in *The Advocate*, cannot possibly benefit public debate on this issue."

These letters and other letters can be viewed here, here and here. A direct rebuttal to the article can be viewed here.

The vote to pass the new bill was overwhelming: the Senate vote was 31 to 2; the house vote was 61 to 8.[7] The new law will be codified as Idaho Code Ann. Section 18-4017 and go into effect on July 1, 2011.[8]

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[1] Bill Status S1070, entry for April 5, 2011.

[2] See here for bill text.

[3] Then existing civil law included *Cramer v. Slater*, 146 Idaho 868, 878, 204 P.3d 508 (2009), which states that doctors "can be held liable for [a] patient's suicide." Existing law also included a common law crime in which an "aider and abettor" of suicide is guilty of murder. Assisted suicide can also be statutorily charged as murder. See Margaret K. Dore, "Aid in Dying: Not Legal in Idaho; Not About Choice," *The Advocate*, official publication of the Idaho State Bar, Vol. 52, No. 9, pages 18-20, September 2010 (describing existing law prior to the new bill's enactment); and The Hon. Robert E. Bakes, Retired Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court, Letter to the Editor, "Legislature rejected euthanasia," *The Advocate*, September 2010 ("In both the Idaho criminal statutes as well as I.C.6-1012, the Idaho legislature has rejected physician-assisted suicide"). Entire issue, available here:

<http://www.isb.idaho.gov/pdf/advocate/issues/adv10sep.pdf>

[4] Revised Statement of Purpose, RS20288.

[5] Ian Dowbiggin, A CONCISE HISTORY OF EUTHANASIA: LIFE, DEATH, GOD AND MEDICINE, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers,

**LINKS**

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### First Reader Summary

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to homicide, so as to repeal certain provisions regarding offering to assist in the commission of a suicide; to prohibit assisted suicide; to provide for definitions; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for certain reporting requirements with respect to being convicted of assisting in a suicide; to amend Title 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to torts, so as to provide for civil liability for wrongful death caused by assisted suicide; to provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

### Status History

May/01/2012 - Effective Date  
 May/01/2012 - Act 639  
 May/01/2012 - House Date Signed by Governor  
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# La. assisted-suicide ban strengthened

The Associated Press

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**BATON ROUGE --** The House unanimously backed a proposal Monday to strengthen Louisiana's ban on euthanasia and assisted suicide.

House Bill 1086 by Rep. Alan Seabaugh, R-Shreveport, would spell out that someone authorized to approve medical procedures for another person may not approve any procedure that would be considered assisted suicide. That prohibition also would be extended to include surgical or medical treatment for the developmentally disabled or nursing home residents who may be unable to make their own medical decisions.

Louisiana already has a prohibition in criminal law against euthanasia and assisted suicide. But Seabaugh said he wanted to make sure it was clear in the state's medical consent law.

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