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History and Final Disposition

LD 1313 / HP0948

An Act To Enact the Maine Death with Dignity Act. Presented by Representative HYMANSON of York. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Public Hearing 04/10/19. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 05/30/19. Amended by: CA H-305. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 06/12/19, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 271.

Original Bill

[LD 1313 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 1313 / PL 2019, c. 271](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf129-LD-1313.pdf)
[Public Hearing \(committee page >> audio file\) \(LD 1313\) \(HHS\) \(4/10/2019\)](#)
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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-305\) \(LD 1313 2019\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, March 19, 2019 \(H242-261\)](#)

- p. H-244

[SENATE, March 19, 2019 \(S269-290\)](#)

- p. S-288

[HOUSE, May 21, 2019 \(H584-621\)](#)

- p. H-601 (Amendment(s) H-305)

[HOUSE, May 28, 2019 \(H651-680\)](#)

- p. H-673 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p679)) (Amendment(s) H-305)

[HOUSE, May 29, 2019 \(H681-700\)](#)

- p. H-700 (Remarks)

[SENATE, May 29, 2019 \(S796-823\)](#)

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Enacted Law or Resolve

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Reports and Other Related Documents

[Dept. of Health and Human Services. Patient-directed care at end of life annual report \(March 18, 2020\)](#)

News Articles

Lawmakers pushing to finally pass ‘death with dignity’ bill (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 4/9/2019, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/PPH 190409A.pdf)

Maine lawmakers again explore letting doctors help terminally ill patients die (Steve Mistler) (Bangor Daily News, 4/10/2019, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/BDN 1904010A.pdf)

I can’t believe I’m still fighting against assisted suicide (Mike Reynolds) (Bangor Daily News, 4/10/2019, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/BDN 1904010B.pdf)

Assisted-suicide legislation sends the wrong message to Maine patients (Kristen Hanson and Joanne Van Loenen) (Portland Press Herald, 4/10/2019, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/PPH 190410B.pdf)

Taking the sting out of death (Marian McCue) (Forecaster, 4/11/2019, p. 11) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/Northern Forecaster 190411E.pdf)

It’s time for death with dignity law in Maine (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 4/12/2019, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/BDN 190412C.pdf)

Time to take back our deaths (Edgar Allen Beem) (Forecaster, 5/2/2019, p. 8) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/Northern Forecaster 190502G.pdf)

Maine House narrowly endorses bill to allow doctors to help dying patients end their lives (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 5/29/2019, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/BDN 190529D.pdf)

Maine House passes ‘death with dignity’ bill by 4 votes (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 5/29/2019, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/PPH 190529G.pdf)

Maine Senate casts key vote to allow doctors to help terminally ill patients end their lives (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 5/31/2019, p. A1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/BDN 190531A.pdf)

Maine Senate advances bill to allow assisted suicide for terminally ill patients (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 5/31/2019, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/PPH 190531B.pdf)

Assisted suicide bill moves closer to passage with 1-vote margin in Maine House (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 6/4/2019, p. A1, A8) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/PPH 190604A.pdf)

After close vote, Maine Senate sends ‘Death With Dignity’ bill to Janet Mills (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 6/5/2019, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/BDN 190605A.pdf)

Nothing dignified about assisted suicide (John Balentine) (Forecaster, 6/6/2019, p. 6) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/Northern Forecaster 190606A.pdf)

Death with dignity is about restoring power and choices at the end of life (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 6/7/2019, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/BDN 190607A.pdf)

Janet Mills agrees to let Maine join states that allow terminally ill patients to end their lives (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 6/13/2019, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/BDN 190613B.pdf)

New Maine law will allow terminally ill patients to end their lives with medication (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 6/13/2019, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/PPH 190613B.pdf)

Hymanson proud as Maine passes ‘Death with Dignity’ (Deborah McDermott) (York County Coast Star, 6/21/2019, p. A10) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/YCCS 190621A.pdf)

Mainers should decide ‘death with dignity’ debate (Archie Verow) (Bangor Daily News, 8/24/2019, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/BDN 190824-25B.pdf)

Willing providers rare as assisted-death law takes effect (Scott Thistle) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 8/25/2019, p. A1, A16) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/MST 190825A.pdf)

Maine’s ‘death with dignity’ law is in effect. Here’s how the rollout is going (Caitlin Andrews) (Bangor Daily News, 10/5/2019, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD13xx/nc129-LD-1313/BDN 191005A.pdf)

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