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To clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds
in support of assisted suicide.

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sideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use
of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings and purpose.
- Sec. 3. Restriction on use of Federal funds under health care programs.
- Sec. 4. Restriction on use of Federal funds under certain grant programs under
the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights
Act.
- Sec. 5. Restriction on use of Federal funds by advocacy programs.
- Sec. 6. Restriction on use of other Federal funds.
- Sec. 7. Clarification with respect to advance directives.
- Sec. 8. Application to District of Columbia.
- Sec. 9. Conforming amendments.
- Sec. 10. Relation to other laws.
- Sec. 11. Effective date.

8 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

9 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

- 10 (1) The Federal Government provides financial
11 support for the provision of and payment for health
12 care services, as well as for advocacy activities to
13 protect the rights of individuals.

1 (1) to provide any health care item or service
2 furnished for the purpose of causing, or for the pur-
3 pose of assisting in causing, the death of any indi-
4 vidual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or
5 mercy killing;

6 (2) to pay (directly, through payment of Fed-
7 eral financial participation or other matching pay-
8 ment, or otherwise) for such an item or service, in-
9 cluding payment of expenses relating to such an
10 item or service; or

11 (3) to pay (in whole or in part) for health bene-
12 fit coverage that includes any coverage of such an
13 item or service or of any expenses relating to such
14 an item or service.

15 (b) CONSTRUCTION AND TREATMENT OF CERTAIN
16 SERVICES.—Nothing in subsection (a), or in any other
17 provision of this Act (or in any amendment made by this
18 Act), shall be construed to create any limitation relating
19 to—

20 (1) the withholding or withdrawing of medical
21 treatment or medical care;

22 (2) the withholding or withdrawing of nutrition
23 or hydration;

24 (3) abortion; or

1 (4) the use of an item, good, benefit, or service
2 furnished for the purpose of alleviating pain or dis-
3 comfort, even if such use may increase the risk of
4 death, so long as such item, good, benefit, or service
5 is not also furnished for the purpose of causing, or
6 the purpose of assisting in causing, death, for any
7 reason.

8 (c) LIMITATION ON FEDERAL FACILITIES AND EM-
9 PLOYEES.—Subject to subsection (b), with respect to
10 health care items and services furnished—

11 (1) by or in a health care facility owned or op-
12 erated by the Federal government, or

13 (2) by any physician or other individual em-
14 ployed by the Federal government to provide health
15 care services within the scope of the physician's or
16 individual's employment,

17 no such item or service may be furnished for the purpose
18 of causing, or for the purpose of assisting in causing, the
19 death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, eutha-
20 nasia, or mercy killing.

21 (d) LIST OF PROGRAMS TO WHICH RESTRICTIONS
22 APPLY.—

23 (1) FEDERAL HEALTH CARE FUNDING PRO-
24 GRAMS.—Subsection (a) applies to funds appro-
25 priated under or to carry out the following:

1 (A) MEDICARE PROGRAM.—Title XVIII of
2 the Social Security Act.

3 (B) MEDICAID PROGRAM.—Title XIX of
4 the Social Security Act.

5 (C) TITLE XX SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK
6 GRANT.—Title XX of the Social Security Act.

7 (D) MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
8 BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.—Title V of the Social
9 Security Act.

10 (E) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.—The
11 Public Health Service Act.

12 (F) INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT
13 ACT.—The Indian Health Care Improvement
14 Act.

15 (G) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENE-
16 FITS PROGRAM.—Chapter 89 of title 5, United
17 States Code.

18 (H) MILITARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (IN-
19 CLUDING TRICARE AND CHAMPUS PRO-
20 GRAMS).—Chapter 55 of title 10, United States
21 Code.

22 (I) VETERANS MEDICAL CARE.—Chapter
23 17 of title 38, United States Code.

1 (J) HEALTH SERVICES FOR PEACE CORPS
2 VOLUNTEERS.—Section 5(e) of the Peace Corps
3 Act (22 U.S.C. 2504(e)).

4 (K) MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FEDERAL
5 PRISONERS.—Section 4005(a) of title 18, Unit-
6 ed States Code.

7 (2) FEDERAL FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL.—
8 The provisions of subsection (c) apply to facilities
9 and personnel of the following:

10 (A) MILITARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.—
11 The Department of Defense operating under
12 chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code.

13 (B) VETERANS MEDICAL CARE.—The Vet-
14 erans Health Administration of the Department
15 of Veterans Affairs.

16 (C) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.—The Pub-
17 lic Health Service.

18 (3) NONEXCLUSIVE LIST.—Nothing in this sub-
19 section shall be construed as limiting the application
20 of subsection (a) to the programs specified in para-
21 graph (1) or the application of subsection (c) to the
22 facilities and personnel specified in paragraph (2).

1 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER**
2 **CERTAIN GRANT PROGRAMS UNDER THE DE-**
3 **VELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ASSISTANCE**
4 **AND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT.**

5 Subject to section 3(b) (relating to construction and
6 treatment of certain services), no funds appropriated by
7 Congress to carry out part B, D, or E of the Developmen-
8 tal Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act may be
9 used to support or fund any program or service which has
10 a purpose of assisting in procuring any item, benefit, or
11 service furnished for the purpose of causing, or the pur-
12 pose of assisting in causing, the death of any individual,
13 such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.

14 **SEC. 5. RESTRICTION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS BY AD-**
15 **VOCACY PROGRAMS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 3(b) (relating
17 to construction and treatment of certain services), no
18 funds appropriated by Congress may be used to assist in,
19 to support, or to fund any activity or service which has
20 a purpose of assisting in, or to bring suit or provide any
21 other form of legal assistance for the purpose of—

22 (1) securing or funding any item, benefit, pro-
23 gram, or service furnished for the purpose of caus-
24 ing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, the sui-
25 cide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual;

1 (2) compelling any person, institution, govern-
2 mental entity to provide or fund any item, benefit,
3 program, or service for such purpose; or

4 (3) asserting or advocating a legal right to
5 cause, or to assist in causing, the suicide, eutha-
6 nasia, or mercy killing of any individual.

7 (b) LIST OF PROGRAMS TO WHICH RESTRICTIONS
8 APPLY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) applies to
10 funds appropriated under or to carry out the follow-
11 ing:

12 (A) PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS
13 UNDER THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS-
14 SISTANCE AND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT.—Part C
15 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance
16 and Bill of Rights Act.

17 (B) PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS
18 UNDER THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR
19 MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS ACT.—The Protec-
20 tion and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals
21 Act of 1986.

22 (C) PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS
23 UNDER THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.—
24 Section 509 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
25 (29 U.S.C. 794e).

1 (D) OMBUDSMAN PROGRAMS UNDER THE
2 OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965.—Ombudsman
3 programs under the Older Americans Act of
4 1965.

5 (E) LEGAL ASSISTANCE.—Legal assistance
6 programs under the Legal Services Corporation
7 Act.

8 (2) NONEXCLUSIVE LIST.—Nothing in this sub-
9 section shall be construed as limiting the application
10 of subsection (a) to the programs specified in para-
11 graph (1).

12 **SEC. 6. RESTRICTION ON USE OF OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 3(b) (relating
14 to construction and treatment of certain services) and sub-
15 section (b) of this section, no funds appropriated by the
16 Congress shall be used to provide, procure, furnish, or
17 fund any item, good, benefit, activity, or service, furnished
18 or performed for the purpose of causing, or assisting in
19 causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any
20 individual.

21 (b) NONDUPLICATION.—Subsection (a) shall not
22 apply to funds to which section 3, 4, or 5 applies, except
23 that subsection (a), rather than section 3, shall apply to
24 funds appropriated to carry out title 10, United States
25 Code (other than chapter 55), title 18, United States Code

1 (other than section 4005(a)), and chapter 37 of title 28,
2 United States Code.

3 **SEC. 7. CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO ADVANCE DI-**
4 **RECTIVES.**

5 Subject to section 3(b) (relating to construction and
6 treatment of certain services), sections 1866(f) and
7 1902(w) of the Social Security Act shall not be con-
8 strued—

9 (1) to require any provider or organization, or
10 any employee of such a provider or organization, to
11 inform or counsel any individual regarding any right
12 to obtain an item or service furnished for the pur-
13 pose of causing, or the purpose of assisting in caus-
14 ing, the death of the individual, such as by assisted
15 suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing; or

16 (2) to create any requirement with respect to a
17 portion of an advance directive that directs the pur-
18 poseful causing of, or the purposeful assisting in
19 causing, the death of any individual, such as by as-
20 sisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.

21 **SEC. 8. APPLICATION TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

22 For purposes of this Act, the term “funds appro-
23 priated by Congress” includes funds appropriated to the
24 District of Columbia pursuant to an authorization of ap-
25 propriations under title V of the District of Columbia Self-

1 Government and Governmental Reorganization Act and
2 the term “Federal government” includes the government
3 of the District of Columbia.

4 **SEC. 9. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

5 (a) **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**—

6 (1) **FUNDING.**—Section 1862(a) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)) is amended—

8 (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-
9 graph (14);

10 (B) by striking the period at the end of
11 paragraph (15) and inserting “; or”; and

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (15) the
13 following new paragraph:

14 “(16) in the case in which funds may not be
15 used for such items and services under the Assisted
16 Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

17 (2) **ADVANCE DIRECTIVES.**—Section 1866(f) of
18 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(f)) is amended by add-
19 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

20 “(4) For construction relating to this subsection, see
21 section 7 of the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act
22 of 1997 (relating to clarification respecting assisted sui-
23 cide, euthanasia, and mercy killing).”.

24 (b) **MEDICAID PROGRAM.**—

1 (1) FUNDING.—Section 1903(i) of the Social
2 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(i)) is amended—

3 (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-
4 graph (14);

5 (B) by striking the period at the end of
6 paragraph (15) and inserting “; or”; and

7 (C) by inserting after paragraph (15) the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(16) with respect to any amount expended for
10 which funds may not be used under the Assisted
11 Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

12 (2) ADVANCE DIRECTIVES.—Section 1902(w) of
13 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(w)) is amended by add-
14 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

15 “(5) For construction relating to this subsection, see
16 section 7 of the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act
17 of 1997 (relating to clarification respecting assisted sui-
18 cide, euthanasia, and mercy killing).”.

19 (c) TITLE XX BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.—Section
20 2005(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397d(a))
21 is amended—

22 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
23 (8);

24 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
25 graph (9) and inserting “; or”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(10) in a manner inconsistent with the As-
3 sisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

4 (d) MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT
5 PROGRAM.—Section 501(a) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 701(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “Funds appropriated under this section may only be used
9 in a manner consistent with the Assisted Suicide Funding
10 Restriction Act of 1997.”.

11 (e) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.—Title II of the
12 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is
13 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
14 section:

15 **“SEC. 246. RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ASSISTED**
16 **SUICIDE, EUTHANASIA, AND MERCY KILLING.**

17 “Appropriations for carrying out the purposes of this
18 Act shall not be used in a manner inconsistent with the
19 Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

20 (f) INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT.—
21 Title II of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25
22 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
23 the following new section:

1 “LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS

2 “SEC. 225. Amounts appropriated to carry out this
3 title may not be used in a manner inconsistent with the
4 Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

5 (g) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFIT PRO-
6 GRAM.—Section 8902 of title 5, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(o) A contract may not be made or a plan approved
9 which includes coverage for any benefit, item, or service
10 for which funds may not be used under the Assisted Sui-
11 cide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

12 (h) MILITARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—Section
13 1073 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by add-
14 ing at the end the following: “This chapter shall be admin-
15 istered consistent with the Assisted Suicide Funding Re-
16 striction Act of 1997.”.

17 (i) VETERANS’ MEDICAL CARE PROGRAM.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 17
19 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-
20 ing at the end the following new section:

21 “§ 1707. **Restriction on use of funds for assisted sui-**
22 **cide, euthanasia, or mercy killing**

23 “Funds appropriated to carry out this chapter may
24 not be used for purposes that are inconsistent with the
25 Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
2 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
3 by inserting after the item relating to section 1706
4 the following new item:

 “1707. Restriction on use of funds for assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy
 killing.”.

5 (j) HEALTH CARE PROVIDED FOR PEACE CORPS
6 VOLUNTEERS.—Section 5(e) of the Peace Corps Act (22
7 U.S.C. 2504(e)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing: “Health care may not be provided under this sub-
9 section in a manner inconsistent with the Assisted Suicide
10 Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

11 (k) MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FEDERAL PRIS-
12 ONERS.—Section 4005(a) of title 18, United States Code,
13 is amended by inserting “and to the extent consistent with
14 the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997”
15 after “Upon request of the Attorney General”.

16 (l) DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND BILL OF
17 RIGHTS ACT.—

18 (1) STATE PLANS REGARDING DEVELOPMENTAL
19 DISABILITIES COUNCILS.—Section 122(c)(5)(A) of
20 the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of
21 Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6022(c)(5)(A)) is amended—

22 (A) in clause (vi), by striking “and” after
23 the semicolon at the end;

1 (B) in clause (vii), by striking the period
2 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following
4 clause:

5 “(viii) such funds will be used consist-
6 ent with the section 4 of the Assisted Sui-
7 cide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

8 (2) LEGAL ACTIONS BY PROTECTION AND AD-
9 VOCACY SYSTEMS.—Section 142(h) of such Act (42
10 U.S.C. 6042(h)) is amended by adding at the end
11 the following new paragraph:

12 “(3) LIMITATION.—The systems may only use
13 assistance provided under this chapter consistent
14 with section 5 of the Assisted Suicide Funding Re-
15 striction Act of 1997.”.

16 (3) UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED PROGRAMS.—Sec-
17 tion 152(b)(5) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 6062(b)(5))
18 is amended by adding at the end the following:
19 “Such grants shall not be used in a manner incon-
20 sistent with section 4 of the Assisted Suicide Fund-
21 ing Restriction Act of 1997.”.

22 (4) GRANTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.—Sec-
23 tion 162(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 6082(e)) is
24 amended—

1 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-
2 graph (4),

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of
4 paragraph (5) and inserting “; and”, and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(6) the applicant provides assurances that the
8 grant will not be used in a manner inconsistent with
9 section 4 of the Assisted Suicide Funding Restric-
10 tion Act of 1997.”.

11 (m) PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR MENTALLY
12 ILL INDIVIDUALS ACT OF 1986.—Section 105(a) of the
13 Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act
14 of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 10805(a)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the
16 end;

17 (2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period and
18 inserting “; and”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end thereof the following
20 new paragraph:

21 “(10) not use allotments provided to a system
22 in a manner inconsistent with section 5 of the As-
23 sisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

24 (n) PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS UNDER
25 THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.—Section 509(f) of

1 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794e(f)) is
2 amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” after
4 the semicolon at the end;

5 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
6 the end and inserting “; and”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following para-
8 graph:

9 “(8) not use allotments provided under this sec-
10 tion in a manner inconsistent with section 5 of the
11 Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

12 (o) OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965.—Title VII of
13 the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by adding
14 at the end the following new section:

15 **“SEC. 765. FUNDING LIMITATION.**

16 “Funds provided under this title may not be used in
17 a manner inconsistent the Assisted Suicide Funding Re-
18 striction Act of 1997.”.

19 (p) LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM.—Section 1007(b) of
20 the Legal Services Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 2996f(b))
21 is amended—

22 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
23 (9);

24 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
25 graph (10) and inserting “; or”; and

1 (3) by adding after paragraph (10) the follow-
2 ing:

3 “(11) to provide legal assistance in a manner
4 inconsistent with the Assisted Suicide Funding Re-
5 striction Act of 1997.”.

6 (q) CONSTRUCTION ON CONFORMING AMEND-
7 MENTS.—The fact that a law is not amended under this
8 section shall not be construed as indicating that the provi-
9 sions of this Act do not apply to such a law.

10 **SEC. 10. RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.**

11 The provisions of this Act supersede other Federal
12 laws (including laws enacted after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act) except to the extent such laws specifi-
14 cally supersede the provisions of this Act.

15 **SEC. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.— The provisions of this Act (and
17 the amendments made by this Act) take effect upon its
18 enactment and apply, subject to subsection (b), to Federal
19 payments made pursuant to obligations incurred after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act for items and services
21 provided on or after such date.

22 (b) APPLICATION TO CONTRACTS.—Such provisions
23 shall apply with respect to contracts entered into, renewed,
24 or extended after the date of the enactment of this Act

- 1 and shall also apply to a contract entered into before such
- 2 date to the extent permitted under such contract.

