

A Bill for Patient & Family Treatment Choice Rights Act of 2007

Whereas, the rights of patients and their families is often unprotected by an attending physician who presumes to know what is best for the patient in respect of final wishes in terminal or potentially terminal care treatment, ignoring or countermanding advance directives of the patient, and

Whereas, patients who have given prior notice and registered their final wishes with family members or legal guardians or persons lawfully responsible for health care decisions, with the expectation that the health care facility and attending physician(s) will abide by their solemn wishes and comply with their directives, and

Whereas, if a health care provider facility, or their attending physicians, are unable to comply with all lawful and legal and reasonable directives issued by and on behalf of the patient who is facing a terminal treatment program for his or her care, a reasonable amount of time must be permitted for transferring the patient to another health care facility or attending physician where the patient's wishes will be respected and complied with, once proper notice is made by the patient or by those persons or that person who is lawfully charged to represent the patient's best interest, and

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the State Republican Executive Committee at its March 24, 2007, meeting in Austin voices its support for the upcoming Bill in the House and in the Senate (Senate bill 28) to be enacted into law and cited as the Patient and Family Treatment Choice Rights Act of 2007, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of our resolve and endorsement be forwarded to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House, as well as to every member of the Texas House and Senate.

Adopted this 24th day of March 2007 by Texas SREC