

## **Bill Summary: Senate Bill 380**

### **This Legislation Would Make Permanent and Improve the California End of Life Option Act:**

The [End of Life Option Act](#) took effect on June 9, 2016. Under the law, terminally ill, mentally capable adults with 6 months or less to live are able to request aid-in-dying medication which they can then choose to self-ingest. The law gives eligible patients the option of medical aid in dying to peacefully end their suffering. The law was passed with a 10-year sunset. If the law is not reauthorized before January 1, 2026, it will expire.

This legislation will make the California End of Life Option Act permanent and improve upon the law so that more eligible Californians are able to access the law. Key improvements include:

- Shorten the 15 day waiting period to 48 hours.
- Improve transparency of healthcare facility policies by requiring them to post their medical aid in dying policies on their websites.
- Remove the redundant fourth request for medical aid in dying (referred to as the final attestation).

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