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S 0536 General Bill, By I.E. Lourie, Bryan, J.C. Hayes, Leatherman, J.M. Long, A.S. Macaulay, Passailaigue, Peeler, T.H. Pope, M.T. Rose and N.W. Smith

A Bill to amend Chapter 77, Title 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the Death with Dignity Act, by adding Section 44-77-85 so as to authorize a declarant to designate an agent to act on his behalf to ensure that the declaration is given effect; to amend Section 44-77-20, as amended, relating to definitions, so as to revise the definitions of "life-sustaining procedures" and "terminal condition" and add the definition of "permanent unconsciousness" and "agent"; Section 44-77-30, as amended, relating to withholding life-sustaining procedures, so as to clarify that active treatment must be administered before giving effect to a declaration; Section 44-77-40, as amended, relating to qualifications for witnesses to a death with dignity declaration, so as to further limit who may be a witness to a declaration; Section 44-77-50, as amended, relating to the form of a declaration, so as to include the revised definition of terminal condition, provide specific directions regarding tube feeding which a declarant may choose, provide for the appointment of an agent, and revise the language pertaining to the revocation of a declaration; and Section 44-77-80, as amended, relating to revocation of a declaration, so as to remove the authority of an agent to revoke a declaration and include that the declarant may revoke a declaration by executing a subsequent declaration.

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