## <sup>104TH CONGRESS</sup> **H. R. 4149**

To clarify Federal law with respect to assisted suicide, and for other purposes.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

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### A BILL

To clarify Federal law with respect to assisted suicide, and for other purposes.

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.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Assisted Suicide Fund-5 ing Restriction Act of 1996".

6 SEC. 2. GENERAL PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL
7 ASSISTANCE.

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds 9 appropriated by the Congress shall be used to provide, 10 procure, furnish, fund, or support, or to compel any indi-11 vidual, institution, or government entity to provide, pro-12 cure, furnish, fund, or support, any item, good, benefit, 13 program, or service, the purpose of which is to cause, or 14 to assist in causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy kill-15 ing of any individual.

#### 16 SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

17 Nothing in this Act, or in an amendment made by18 this Act, shall be construed to create any limitation relat-19 ing to—

1	(1) the withholding or withdrawing of medical
2	treatment or medical care;
3	(2) the withholding or withdrawing of nutrition
4	or hydration;
5	(3) abortion; or
6	(4) the use of an item, good, benefit, or service
7	furnished for the purpose of alleviating pain or dis-
8	comfort, even if such use may increase the risk of
9	death, so long as such item, good, benefit, or service
10	is not also furnished for the purpose of causing, or
11	the purpose of assisting in causing, death, for any
12	reason.
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1 (C) by adding at the end the following 2 clause:

3 "(viii) such funds will not be used to
4 support any program or service that has a
5 purpose of assisting in procuring any item
6 or service the purpose of which is to cause,
7 or to assist in causing, the death of any in8 dividual, such as by assisted suicide, eutha9 nasia, or mercy killing.".

10 (2) LEGAL ACTIONS BY PROTECTION AND AD-11 VOCACY SYSTEMS.—Section 142(h)(1) of the Devel-12 opmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights 13 Act (42 U.S.C. 6042(h)(1)) is amended by inserting before the period the following: ", except that no 14 15 such system may use assistance provided under this 16 chapter to bring suit or provide any other form of 17 legal assistance for the purpose of—

"(A) securing or funding any item, benefit,
program, or service furnished for the purpose of
causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing,
the death of any individual, such as by assisted
suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing;

23 "(B) compelling any individual, institution,
24 government, or governmental body to provide,
25 fund, or legalize any item, benefit, program, or

service for the purpose of causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, the death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing; or

5 "(C) asserting or advocating a legal right 6 to cause, or to assist in causing, or to receive 7 assistance in causing, the death of any individ-8 ual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or 9 mercy killing.".

10 (3)PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES REGARDING 11 GRANTS TO UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED PROGRAMS.-12 Section 152(b)(5) of the Developmental Disabilities 13 Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 14 6062(b)(5)) is amended by inserting before the period the following: ", or for any program or service 15 16 which has a purpose of assisting in procuring any 17 item, or service, the purpose of which is to cause, or 18 to assist in causing, the death of any individual, 19 such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy 20 killing".

(4) REQUIREMENTS REGARDING GRANTS FOR
PROJECTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.—Section
162(c) of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance
and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6082(c)) is
amended—

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1	(A) in paragraph (4), by striking "and"	
2	after the semicolon at the end;	
3	(B) in paragraph (5), by striking the pe-	
4	riod at the end and inserting "; and"; and	
5	(C) by adding at the end the following	
6	paragraph:	
7	((6) the applicant provides assurances that the	
8	grant will not be used to support or fund any pro-	
9	gram or service which has a purpose of assisting in	
10	the procuring of any item, benefit, or service fur-	
11	nished for the purpose of causing, or the purpose of	
12	assisting in causing, the death of any individual	
13	such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy	
14	killing.".	
15	(b) Amendment to Protection and Advocacy	
16	FOR MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS ACT OF 1986; SYSTEM	
17	REQUIREMENTS.—Section 105(a) of the Protection and	
18	Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of $1986$ (42)	
19	U.S.C. 10805(a)) is amended—	
20	(1) in paragraph (8), by striking "and" at the	
21	end thereof;	
22	(2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period and	
23	inserting "; and"; and	
24	(3) by adding at the end thereof the following	
25	new paragraph:	

"(10) not use allotments provided to a system to assist in—

3 "(A) procuring or funding any item, bene4 fit, or service for the purpose of causing, or the
5 purpose of assisting in causing, the death of
6 any individual, such as by assisted suicide, eu7 thanasia, or mercy killing;

8 "(B) compelling any individual, institution, 9 government, or governmental body to provide 10 any item, benefit, or service for the purpose of 11 causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, 12 the death of any individual, such as by assisted 13 suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing; or

"(C) asserting or advocating a legal right
to cause, or to assist in causing, or to receive
assistance in causing, the death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or
mercy killing.".

(c) AMENDMENT TO REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973;
REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR PROTECTION AND
ADVOCACY SYSTEMS.—Section 509(f) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794e(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (6), by striking "and" afterthe semicolon at the end;

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1	(2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
2	the end and inserting "; and"; and
3	(3) by adding at the end the following para-
4	graph:
5	"(8) not use allotments provided under this sec-
6	tion to support or fund any program or service
7	which has the purpose of assisting in—
8	"(A) procuring or funding any item, bene-
9	fit, or service for the purpose of causing, or the
10	purpose of assisting in causing, the death of
11	any individual, such as by assisted suicide, eu-
12	thanasia, or mercy killing;
13	"(B) compelling any individual, institution,
14	government, or governmental body to provide
15	any item, benefit, or service for the purpose of
16	causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing,
17	the death of any individual, such as by assisted
18	suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing; or
19	"(C) asserting or advocating a legal right
20	to cause, or to assist in causing, or to receive
21	assistance in causing, the death of any individ-
22	ual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or
23	mercy killing.".

2 Title II of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
3 201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the
4 following new section:

## 5 "SEC. 245. BAN ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ASSISTED SUICIDE 6 AND RELATED SERVICES.

7 "Appropriations for carrying out the purposes of this
8 Act shall not be used or made available to provide any
9 item, or service, furnished for the purpose of causing, or
10 the purpose of assisting in causing, the death of any indi11 vidual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy
12 killing.".

#### 13 SEC. 6. PROHIBITION OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPA-

## 14TION UNDER MEDICAID FOR ASSISTED SUI-15CIDE OR RELATED SERVICES.

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903(i) of the Social Se17 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(i)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking "or" at the end of paragraph19 (14);

20 (2) by striking the period at the end of para21 graph (15) and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (15) the fol-lowing new paragraph:

24 "(16) with respect to any amount expended for
25 any item, or service, furnished for the purpose of
26 causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, the
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death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide,
 euthanasia, or mercy killing.".

3 (b) TREATMENT OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES.—Section
4 1902(w) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(w)) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

6 "(5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to 7 create any requirement with respect to a portion of an ad-8 vance directive that directs the purposeful causing, or the 9 purposeful assisting in causing, of the death of any indi-10 vidual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy 11 killing.

12 "(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to 13 require any provider or organization, or any employee of 14 such a provider or organization, to inform or counsel any 15 individual regarding any right to obtain an item or service 16 furnished for the purpose of causing, or the purpose of 17 assisting in causing, the death of the individual, such as 18 by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.".

## 19SEC. 7. RESTRICTING TREATMENT UNDER MEDICARE OF20ASSISTED SUICIDE OR RELATED SERVICES.

(a) PROHIBITION OF EXPENDITURES.—Section
1862(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a))
is amended—

24 (1) by striking "or" at the end of paragraph25 (14);

(2) by striking the period at the end of para graph (15) and inserting "; or"; and

3 (3) by inserting after paragraph (15) the fol-4 lowing new paragraph:

5 "(16) where such expenses are for any item, or
6 service, furnished for the purpose of causing, or the
7 purpose of assisting in causing, the death of any in8 dividual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or
9 mercy killing.".

(b) TREATMENT OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES.—Section
11 1866(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(f)) is amended by
12 adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

"(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to create any requirement with respect to a portion of an advance directive that directs the purposeful causing, or the purposeful assisting in causing, of the death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.

19 "(5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to 20 require any provider of services or prepaid or eligible orga-21 nization, or any employee of such a provider or organiza-22 tion, to inform or counsel any individual regarding any 23 right to obtain an item, or service, furnished for the pur-24 pose of causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, the death of the individual, such as by assisted suicide,
 euthanasia, or mercy killing.".

#### **3** SEC. 8. AMENDMENT TO OLDER AMERICANS ACT.

4 Section 712 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
5 U.S.C. 3058g) is amended by adding at the end thereof
6 the following new subsection:

7 "(k) ASSISTED SUICIDE.—No State or local ombuds8 man program, entity, or representative shall, with funds
9 allotted under this section, provide any assistance or serv10 ice to assist in—

"(1) securing or funding any item, benefit, or
service for the purpose of causing, or the purpose of
assisting in causing, the death of any individual,
such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy
killing;

"(2) compelling any individual, institution, government, or governmental body to provide any item,
benefit, or service for the purpose of causing, or the
purpose of assisting in causing, the death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or
mercy killing; or

"(3) asserting or advocating a legal right to
cause, or to assist in causing, or to receive assistance in causing, the death of any individual, such as
by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.".

1	SEC. 9. PROHIBITION AGAINST USE OF BLOCK GRANTS TO	
2	STATES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE	
3	ITEMS OR SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF	
4	INTENTIONALLY CAUSING DEATH.	
5	Section 2005(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.	
6	1397d(a)) is amended—	
7	(1) by striking "or" at the end of paragraph	
8	(8);	
9	(2) by striking the period at the end of para-	
10	graph (9) and inserting "; or"; and	
11	(3) by adding at the end the following:	
12	"(10) for the provision of any item, or service,	
13	furnished for the purpose of causing, or the purpose	
14	of assisting in causing, the death of any individual,	
15	such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy	
16	killing.".	
17	SEC. 10. INDIAN HEALTH CARE.	
18	Section 201(b) of the Indian Health Care Improve-	
19	ment Act (25 U.S.C. 1621(b)) is amended by adding at	
20	the end the following:	
21	"(3) Funds appropriated under the authority of this	
22	section may not be used for the provision of any item or	
23	service (including treatment or care) furnished for the	

 $\,$  purpose of causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing,

the death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide,

26 euthanasia, or mercy killing.".

#### 1 SEC. 11. MILITARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

2 (a) MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS.—Section
3 1074 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by add4 ing at the end the following:

5 "(d) Under joint regulations prescribed by the admin-6 istering Secretaries, no one under the jurisdiction of the 7 administering Secretaries may furnish any item or service 8 (including any form of medical care) for the purpose of 9 causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, the death 10 of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, 11 or mercy killing.".

(b) PROHIBITED HEALTH CARE FOR DEPEND13 ENTS.—Section 1077(b) of title 10, United States Code,
14 is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(4) Items or services (including any form of
medical care) furnished for the purpose of causing,
or the purpose of assisting in causing, the death of
any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.".

20 (c) PROHIBITED HEALTH CARE UNDER 21 CHAMPUS.—

(1) SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF MEMBERS.—
Section 1079(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
amended—

25 (A) in paragraph (16), by striking "and"
26 at the end thereof;

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1	(B) in paragraph (17), by striking the pe-	
2	riod and inserting "; and"; and	
3	(C) by adding at the end the following:	
4	4 "(18) No contract for the provision of health	
5	5 related services entered into by the Secretary may	
6	5 include coverage for any item or service (including	
7	any form of medical care) furnished for the purpose	
8	B of causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing,	
9	the death of any individual, such as by assisted sui-	
10	cide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.".	
11	(2) Other covered beneficiaries.—Section	
12	1086(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amend-	
13	ed—	
14	(A) by inserting "(1)" after "(a)" the first	
15	place it appears; and	
16	(B) by adding at the end the following:	
17	"(2) No contract for the provision of health-related	
18	services entered into by the Secretary may include cov-	
19	erage for any item or service (including any form of medi-	
20	cal care) furnished for the purpose of causing, or the pur-	
21	pose of assisting in causing, the death of any individual,	
22	such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.".	
23	SEC. 12. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.	
24	Section 8902 of title 5, United States Code, is	
25	amended by adding at the end the following:	

1 "(o) A contract may not be made or a plan approved 2 which includes coverage for any benefit, item, or service 3 that is furnished for the purpose of causing, or the pur-4 pose of assisting in causing, the death of any individual, 5 such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.". SEC. 13. HEALTH CARE PROVIDED FOR PEACE CORPS 6 7 **VOLUNTEERS.** 8 Section 5(e) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 9 2504(e)) is amended— (1) by inserting "(1)(A)" after "(e)"; 10 11 (2) by striking "Subject to such" and inserting 12 the following: 13 "(2) Subject to such"; and 14 (3) by adding at the end of paragraph (1) (as 15 so designated by paragraph (1), the following: 16 "(B) Health care provided under this subsection to volunteers during their service to the Peace Corps shall 17 18 not include any item or service furnished for the purpose 19 of causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, the 20 death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, eutha-21 nasia, or mercy killing.". 22 SEC. 14. MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS.

23 Section 4005(a) of title 18, United States Code, is24 amended—

25 (1) by inserting "(1)" after "(a)"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:
 "(2) Services provided under this subsection shall not
 include any item or service furnished for the purpose of
 causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, the death
 of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia,
 or mercy killing.".

# 7 SEC. 15. PROHIBITING USE OF ANNUAL FEDERAL PAYMENT 8 TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR ASSISTED 9 SUICIDE OR RELATED SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization
Act is amended by adding at the end the following new
section:

14 "BAN ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ASSISTED SUICIDE AND

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#### RELATED SERVICES

16 "SEC. 504. None of the funds appropriated to the 17 District of Columbia pursuant to an authorization of ap-18 propriations under this title may be used to furnish any 19 item, or service, for the purpose of causing, or the purpose 20 of assisting in causing, the death of any individual, such 21 as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.".

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act is amended by adding at the
end of the items relating to title V the following new item:
"Sec. 504. Ban on use of funds for assisted suicide and related services.".

1	(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by	
2	this section shall apply to payments to the District of Co-	
3	lumbia for fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1997.	
4	SEC. 16. LEGAL SERVICES.	
5	Section 1007(b) of the Legal Services Corporation	
6	Act (42 U.S.C. 2996f(b)) is amended—	
7	(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph	
8	(9);	
9	(2) by striking the period at the end of para-	
10	graph (10) and inserting "; and"; and	
11	(3) by adding after paragraph $(10)$ the follow-	
12	ing:	
13	"(11) to provide legal assistance for the pur-	
14	pose of—	
15	"(A) securing or funding any item, benefit,	
16	program, or service furnished for the purpose of	
17	causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing,	
18	the death of any individual, such as by assisted	
19	suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing;	
20	"(B) compelling any individual, institution,	
21	government, or governmental body to provide,	
22	fund, or legalize any item, benefit, program, or	
23	service for the purpose of causing, or the pur-	
24	pose of assisting in causing, the death of any	

1	individual, such as by assisted suicide, eutha-
2	nasia, or mercy killing; or
3	"(C) asserting or advocating a legal right
4	to cause, or to assist in causing, or to receive
5	assistance in causing, the death of any individ-
6	ual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or
7	mercy killing.".

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