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Title: VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF LIFE
Sponsor: DRUMMOND
Requester: House Health and Social Services

Department: Department of Law
Appropriation: Criminal Division
Allocation: Criminal Justice Litigation
OMB Component Number: 2202

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial version; not applicable.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation allows a person to voluntarily end their life if they are suffering from a terminal disease and have been determined by a court, physician, psychiatrist or psychologist to be capable of making that decision. It also allows an attending physician to prescribe medication which will enable the person to end their life and establishes a protocol that the attending physician must follow before doing so.

If a person decides to end their life, the legislation requires them to make both an oral and written request to the attending physician. The oral request must be repeated to the attending physician more than 15 days after the initial request. A person may rescind their request at any time.

The legislation creates an affirmative defense to murder and manslaughter if the person is performing an act permitted by the legislation. It also establishes a new crime of abuse of life termination process if a person intends to cause another person's death and falsely makes or alters a request for medication or destroys a rescission of a request for medication. A person may also be guilty of this crime if they exert undue influence on another person to request medication for the purpose of ending that person's life. Abuse of life termination process is a class A felony.

The Department of Law does not anticipate a fiscal impact.