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FORBID ASSISTING IN SUICIDE

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5216 AS INTRODUCED 12-9-87

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to make it a felony to intentionally assist or encourage someone to commit suicide, or to provide a drug or instrument knowing the person may use it to attempt suicide. A person's failure in his or her suicide attempt could not be a defense in a prosecution under the bill.

In addition, a person who aided and abetted someone's suicide would be civilly liable for the wrongful death of the suicide victim.

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