

1 in order to obtain a prescription for medication that the qualified
2 patient may self-administer to end his or her life in a humane and
3 dignified manner.

4 (12) "Self-administer" means a qualified patient's act of ingesting
5 medication to end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner.

6 (13) "Terminal disease" means an incurable and irreversible disease
7 that has been medically confirmed and will, within reasonable medical
8 judgment, produce death within six months.

9 **Written Request for Medication to End Life**
10 **in a Humane and Dignified Manner**

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2. WHO MAY INITIATE A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR**
12 **MEDICATION.** (1) An adult who is competent, is a resident of Washington
13 state, and has been determined by the attending physician and
14 consulting physician to be suffering from a terminal disease, and who
15 has voluntarily expressed his or her wish to die, may make a written
16 request for medication that the patient may self-administer to end his
17 or her life in a humane and dignified manner in accordance with this
18 chapter.

19 (2) A person does not qualify under this chapter solely because of
20 age or disability.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3. FORM OF THE WRITTEN REQUEST.** (1) A valid
22 request for medication under this chapter shall be in substantially the
23 form described in section 22 of this act, signed and dated by the
24 patient and witnessed by at least two individuals who, in the presence
25 of the patient, attest that to the best of their knowledge and belief
26 the patient is competent, acting voluntarily, and is not being coerced
27 to sign the request.

28 (2) One of the witnesses shall be a person who is not:

29 (a) A relative of the patient by blood, marriage, or adoption;

30 (b) A person who at the time the request is signed would be
31 entitled to any portion of the estate of the qualified patient upon
32 death under any will or by operation of law; or

33 (c) An owner, operator, or employee of a health care facility where
34 the qualified patient is receiving medical treatment or is a resident.