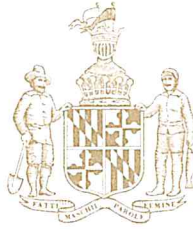


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# End of Life Option Act (Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer Act) Summary Bullets

- Only the individual may request medicine to end his/her life.
- An individual must prove he/she is a Maryland resident.
- An individual must be 18 yrs or older and have the capacity to make a medical decision.
- The individual must request 3 times for a life ending prescription.
  - Request 1 is oral;
  - Request 2 is in writing, and signed by the individual and two qualified witnesses;
  - Request 3 is oral, at least 15 days after the initial oral request; and 48 hours after making the written request.
  - One of the 2 required witnesses to the written request may not be a relative of the individual and may not benefit from the individual's death.
  - At least once, the individual must be alone with the attending physician when the request for medicine to end his/her life is made.
  - Request form approved by all parties above must be provided to the consulting physician.
- The attending physician and consulting physician must certify:
  - That the individual has the capacity to make a medical decision.
  - That the prognosis for the individual is that death is likely within 6 months
- The prescription may only be self-administered by the individual.
- The individual may withdraw the request at any time and does not have to use the prescribed medicine.
- Unused medicine must be disposed of in a lawful manner.
- Aid in dying by a health care provider is voluntary, but if not participating, the provider shall expeditiously transfer medical records on request.
- A health care facility may prohibit an associated health care provider from participation in this process under certain circumstances.
- Death from the self-administered medication which was prescribed shall be deemed death from natural causes, as a result of the specified terminal illness.
- There are criminal penalties for individuals who falsify a written request or coerce an individual with the intent of ending the individual's life.
- This bill does not legalize lethal injection, mercy killing, or euthanasia.
- The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene must adopt regulations to facilitate the collection of certain information and to produce and make available to the public a yearly report.