

HOUSE BILL No. 2488

By Representative Hoheisel

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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
2 to assisting suicide; providing criminal penalties for intentionally
3 advising or encouraging another person to commit or attempt to
4 commit suicide; amending K.S.A. 21-5407 and repealing the existing
5 section.

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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 21-5407 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-
9 5407. (a) Assisting suicide is:

10 (1) Knowingly, by force or duress, causing another person to commit
11 or attempt to commit suicide; ~~or~~

12 (2) intentionally assisting another person to commit or to attempt to
13 commit suicide by:

14 (A) Providing the physical means by which another person commits
15 or attempts to commit suicide; or

16 (B) participating in a physical act by which another person commits
17 or attempts to commit suicide;

18 (3) *intentionally advising or encouraging another person to commit*
19 *or attempt to commit suicide that causes such person to commit or attempt*
20 *to commit suicide; or*

21 (4) *intentionally advising or encouraging another person to commit*
22 *or attempt to commit suicide.*

23 (b) Assisting suicide as defined in:

24 (1) Subsection (a)(1) is a severity level 3, person felony; ~~and~~

25 (2) subsection (a)(2) *or (a)(3)* is a severity level ~~9~~ 7, person felony;

26 *and*

27 (3) *subsection (a)(4) is a class A person misdemeanor.*

28 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 21-5407 is hereby repealed.

29 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
30 publication in the statute book.