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I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons:

-By broadening the definition of who can prescribe the lethal medication from “attending physician” and “consulting physician” to “prescribing provider” and “consulting provider,” this opens the door to loosening safeguards undetected down the road and reduces accountability and safety measures.

-With a mandate for hospices, hospitals, and other facilities to disclose in writing the availability of assisted suicide before a patient is admitted, this will make it far easier for patients, especially those who are vulnerable, to be steered toward death, rather than care.

-By shortening the waiting period from 15 to 7 days (and 48 hours in cases of "imminent death"), this undermines critical time for evaluation and discernment, especially for patients facing mental health challenges, grief, or treatable conditions. Please be responsible public servants and stand up for policies that protect life at the most vulnerable stages.