

## HOUSE BILL No. 2676

By Committee on Judiciary

Requested by Representative Landwehr

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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating  
2 to assisting suicide; adding additional conduct that constitutes such  
3 crime and providing criminal penalties therefor; amending K.S.A. 21-  
4 5407 and repealing the existing section.

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

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

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

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

13 (A) Providing the physical means *or knowledge about the physical*  
14 *means* by which another person commits or attempts to commit suicide; ~~or~~

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

17 (3) *communicating with another person with the intent to exercise*  
18 *substantial control over such person using such person's fears, affections*  
19 *or sympathies to cause such person to commit or attempt to commit*  
20 *suicide;*

21 (4) *knowingly exerting undue influence over another person with the*  
22 *intent to cause such person to commit or attempt to commit suicide; or*

23 (5) *intentionally coercing or encouraging another person to commit*  
24 *or attempt to commit suicide.*

25 (b) Assisting suicide as defined in:

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

27 (2) subsection (a)(2) is a severity level 9, person felony;

28 (3) *subsection (a)(3) is a severity level 5, person felony; and*

29 (4) *subsection (a)(4) or (a)(5) is a severity level 4, person felony.*

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 K.S.A. 21-5407 is hereby repealed.

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