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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to life-sustaining treatment policies of health care facilities.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 191.250, to read as follows:

**191.250. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as  
2 "Simon's Law".**

**3 2. Upon the request of a patient or resident or a prospective  
4 patient or resident, a health care facility, nursing home, or physician  
5 shall disclose in writing any policies relating to a patient or resident  
6 or the services a patient or resident may receive involving life-  
7 sustaining or nonbeneficial treatment within the health care facility or  
8 agency.**

**9 3. Upon admission and upon request, if the patient or resident  
10 or prospective patient or resident is a minor child or minor ward, the  
11 health care facility, nursing home, or physician in charge shall provide  
12 in writing the policies described in subsection 2 of this section to at  
13 least one parent or legal guardian of the patient or resident or  
14 prospective patient or resident.**

**15 4. No health care facility, nursing home, physician, nurse, or  
16 medical staff shall withhold life-sustaining procedures, food,  
17 medication, or nutrition, nor place any restrictions on life-sustaining  
18 procedures including, but not limited to, food, medication, or nutrition  
19 for any minor patient, resident, or ward without the written permission  
20 of at least one parent or legal guardian of the minor patient or ward.**

**21 5. No do-not-resuscitate order or similar physician's order shall**

22 be instituted either orally or in writing without the written permission  
23 of at least one parent or legal guardian of the minor patient or resident  
24 or prospective minor patient or resident.

25 6. Nothing in this section shall require a health care facility,  
26 nursing home, or physician to have a written policy relating to or  
27 involving life-sustaining or nonbeneficial treatment for minor or adult  
28 patients, residents, or wards.

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