STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 12, 2021

Introduced by Sen. BOYLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to prohibiting insurance coverage for physician assisted suicide

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (n) to read as follows:

(n) (1) No policy delivered or issued for delivery in this state shall provide coverage for physician-assisted suicide, including but not limited to, coverage for any aid-in-dying prescription drug.

(2) For purposes of this subsection "physician-assisted suicide" shall mean the voluntary termination of one's own life by administration of a lethal substance with the direct or indirect assistance of a physician and "aid-in-dying prescription drug" shall mean a drug determined and prescribed by a physician which an individual may choose to self-administer to bring about his or her death.

§ 2. Section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (u) to read as follows:

(u) (1) No policy of group or blanket accident and health insurance shall provide coverage for physician-assisted suicide, including but not limited to, coverage for any aid-in-dying prescription drugs.

(2) For purposes of this subsection "physician-assisted suicide" shall mean voluntary termination of one's own life by administration of a lethal substance with the direct or indirect assistance of a physician and "aid-in-dying prescription drug" shall mean a drug determined and prescribed by a physician which an individual may choose to self-administer to bring about his or her death.

§ 3. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (ss) to read as follows:

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(ss) (1) No contract issued by a medical expense indemnity corporation, hospital service corporation or health service corporation shall provide coverage for physician-assisted suicide, including but not limited to, coverage for any aid-in-dying prescription drugs.

(2) For purposes of this subsection "physician-assisted suicide" shall mean voluntary termination of one's own life by administration of a lethal substance with the direct or indirect assistance of a physician and "aid-in-dying prescription drug" shall mean a drug determined and prescribed by a physician which an individual may choose to self-administer to bring about his or her death.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all contracts entered into, renewed, modified or amended on or after such effective date.