

# House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 24 September 2019

## End of Life Choice Bill

### *Proposed amendments*

Melissa Lee, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

#### *Clause 27*

In *clause 27(2)(b)*, replace “.” (page 25) with “; or”.

In *clause 27(2)*, after *paragraph (b)* (page 25), insert:

- (c) undertakes an act to end the life of a person without their consent; or
- (d) conspires to end the life of a person without their consent; or
- (e) initiates a conversation with a person regarding their choice to end their life in a way that directs them to decide to end their life; or
- (f) undertakes any other activity that unduly influences the decision of a person to end their life.

Replace *clause 27(3)* (page 25) with:

- (3) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable on conviction to either or both of the following:
  - (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years:
  - (b) a fine not exceeding \$250,000.

### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the End of Life Choice Bill. It amends *clause 27* to make it clear that an offence is committed, in addition to those under the Crimes Act 1961 and other laws, where a medical practitioner ends the life of a terminally ill person without the consent of the individual, and substantially increases the

level of punishment in such a situation where the medical practitioner egregiously acts to the detriment of the patient or the values of the wider medical profession.

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