

The Majority of States Provide a Dispute Resolution Process that Can Result in Safe Harbor for Physicians, and Texas Provides Substantially More Due Process Protection for Patients Than All Others.

The dispute resolution process in Texas law (§ 166.046, Health & Safety Code) compares very well with other states' dispute resolutions laws. Twenty-six states provide safe harbor for physicians. Of those, Texas provides substantially more due process to protect patients' end of life decision-making autonomy than any others.

| State | Code | Statute(s) |
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| Alabama | Code of Alabama | § 22-8A-7(c), Code of Ala. § 22-8A-8(a) |
| Arkansas | Public Health and Welfare | § 20-17-207, § 20-17-208, § 20-17-209 |
| California | Probate Code | § 4736, § 4740 |
| Connecticut | General Statutes of Conn | § 19a-571 |
| Georgia | Official Code of Georgia Ann. | § 31-32-8, § 31-32-10 |
| Idaho | Idaho Statutes | § 39-4513(2) |
| Illinois | Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755 | § 755 ILCS 35/3, § 755 ILCS 35/7 |
| Iowa | Iowa Code | § 144A.8(1), § 144A.9 |
| Kentucky | Kentucky Code, Title XXVI | § 311.633 |
| Louisiana | Louisiana Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 40 | § 40:1151.6(B), § 40:1151.7(B) |
| Maryland | Health-General | § 5-609, § 5-613 |
| Michigan | Michigan Compiled Laws Service | § 700.5511 |
| Minnesota | Minnesota Statutes | § 145B.06(1)(b), § 145B.13, § 145C.11(2)(a) |
| Nebraska | Nebraska Revised Statutes | § 20-409, § 20-410(2) |
| Nevada | Nevada Revised Statutes, Title 40 | § 449A.457, § 449A.460 |
| New Jersey | New Jersey Revised Statutes | § 26:2H-62 |
| North Carolina | North Carolina General Statutes | § 90-321, § 90-322 |
| North Dakota | Health and Safety | § 23-06.5-12 |
| Oregon | Oregon Revised Statutes, Volume 3, Chapter Section 13 | § 127.560, § 127.625, § 127.654 |
| Pennsylvania | Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Title 20 | 20 Pa.C.S. § 5424, 20 Pa.C.S. § 5431(a)(6) |
| South Carolina | South Carolina Code Annotated | § 44-77-90, § 44-77-100 |
| Tennessee | Tennessee Code Annotated | § 32-11-108(a) |
| Texas | Health and Safety Code | § 166.046 |
| Virginia | Virginia Code Annotated | § 54.1-2990 |
| Washington | Annotated Revised Code of Washington | § 70.122.051, § 70.122.060 |
| Wisconsin | Wisconsin Statutes | § 154.07(1)(a)(3) |