

By Senator Webster

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the authority for the
 3 Governor to issue a one-time stay; authorizing
 4 the Governor to issue a one-time stay to
 5 prevent the withholding of nutrition and
 6 hydration under certain circumstances;
 7 providing for expiration of the stay;
 8 authorizing the Governor to lift the stay at
 9 any time; providing for revocation of the stay;
 10 providing that a person is not civilly liable
 11 and is not subject to regulatory or
 12 disciplinary sanctions for taking an action in
 13 compliance with any such stay; providing an
 14 effective date.

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 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 18 Section 1. (1) The Governor shall have the authority
 19 to issue a one-time stay to prevent the withholding of
 20 nutrition and hydration from a patient if, as of October 15,
 21 2003:

22 (a) That patient has no written advance directive;

23 (b) The court has found that patient to be in a
 24 persistent vegetative state;

25 (c) That patient has had nutrition and hydration
 26 withheld; and

27 (d) A member of that patient's family has challenged
 28 the withholding of nutrition and hydration.

29 (2) The Governor's authority to issue the stay expires
 30 15 days after the effective date of this act, and the
 31 expiration of that authority does not impact the validity or

