

Dear Chairperson and members of the Committee:

Please find attached my testimony in opposition to H7370, H7375, and H7529. I have also added it below, so it is more readily available.

Chairperson and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I hope all is well and thank you all for your service to RI. I write today, 3.5.24, in opposition to H7370, H3775 and H7529. These bills and variants appear with unfortunate regularity before the general assembly. They are, as most people can discern, without merit and redundant to current medical ethics and practices. These are more required performances that underscore and idiosyncratic narrative than lacks any corollary in actual medical practice. One suspects the sponsor made a promise to someone that they would introduce these bills or variations until they were relieved of that duty. Whomever first induced them to put forth what are silly in construction but dangerous in intent apparently wandered off years ago, so the sponsors cannot relieve themselves of their bargain. It recalls Kafka's story about how men had the choice to be kings or messengers of kings and chose, like little boys, to be messengers. Since there are no kings to deliver the messages either to or for, they simply travel around incessantly. But they cannot stop, due to their oath of office.

Best Regards.

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