Right to Try Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Chris H. Wilson

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to when a patient may use investigational drugs to treat an illness.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- allows a patient to obtain an investigational drug in additional circumstances;
- removes the requirement that a patient have a terminal illness to access an investigational drug; and
- amends the definition regarding the forms a medicine may take.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-85-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 114

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-85-102** is amended to read:

58-85-102 . Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Eligible illness" means a condition of a patient that, as determined by a physician:

(a) is likely to pose a significant risk to the patient when compared to the risk posed to the patient by treatment with an investigational drug or investigational device; and

(b) presents the patient, after the patient has explored conventional therapy options, with limited treatment options that are satisfactory or comparable to treatment with an investigational drug or device.

(2) "Eligible patient" means an individual who has been diagnosed with [~~a terminal~~] an eligible illness by a physician.

[~~(2)~~] (3) "Insurer" means the same as that term is defined in Section 31A-1-301.

[~~(3)~~] (4) "Investigational device" means a device that:

(a) meets the definition of "investigational device" in 21 C.F.R. Sec. 812.3; and

(b) has successfully completed the United States Food and Drug Administration Phase 1 testing for an investigational device described in 21 C.F.R. Part 812.

[~~(4)~~] (5) "Investigational drug" means a drug that:

(a) meets the definition of "investigational new drug" in 21 C.F.R. Sec. 312.3; and

(b) has successfully completed the United States Food and Drug Administration Phase 1 testing for an investigational new drug described in 21 C.F.R. Part 312.

[~~(5)~~] (6) "Medicinal dosage form" means:

(a) a tablet;

(b) a capsule;

(c) a concentrated oil;

(d) a [~~liquid suspension~~] formulation;

(e) a transdermal preparation; or

(f) a sublingual preparation.

[~~(6)~~] (7) "Physician" means an individual who is licensed under:

(a) Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act; or

(b) Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

[~~(7) "Terminal illness" means a condition of a patient that:~~]

[~~(a) as determined by a physician:~~]

[~~(i) is likely to pose a greater risk to the patient than the risk posed to the patient by treatment with an investigational drug or investigational device; and~~]

[~~(ii) will inevitably lead to the patient's death; and~~]

[~~(b) presents the patient, after the patient has explored conventional therapy options, with no treatment option that is satisfactory or comparable to treatment with an investigational drug or device.~~]

Section 2. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.