



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2003 and 2004**

Introduced 02/06/04, by Tom Cross

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

755 ILCS 40/55

from Ch. 110 1/2, par. 851-55

Amends the Health Care Surrogate Act. Makes a technical change in the Section concerning the preservation of existing rights.

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1 AN ACT concerning health care.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Health Care Surrogate Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 55 as follows:

6 (755 ILCS 40/55) (from Ch. 110 1/2, par. 851-55)

7 Sec. 55. Preservation of existing rights. The provisions of  
8 this Act are cumulative with existing law regarding an  
9 individual's right to consent or refuse to consent to medical  
10 treatment. The provisions of this Act shall not impair any  
11 existing rights or responsibilities that a health care  
12 provider, a patient, including a minor or a patient lacking  
13 decisional capacity, or a patient's family may have in regard  
14 to the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment,  
15 including any rights to seek judicial review of decisions  
16 regarding life-sustaining treatment under the common law or  
17 statutes of Illinois ~~this State~~ to the extent they are not  
18 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

19 (Source: P.A. 87-749.)