

“Terri’s Bill” as signed by Gov Jeb Bush, Oct 21, 2003

- Section 1. (1) The Governor shall have the authority to issue a one-time stay to prevent the withholding of nutrition and hydration from a patient if, as of October 15, 2003:
- (a) That patient has no written advance directive;
 - (b) The court has found that patient to be in a persistent vegetative state;
 - (c) That patient has had nutrition and hydration withheld; and
 - (d) A member of that patient’s family has challenged the withholding of nutrition and hydration.
- (2) The Governor’s authority to issue the stay expires 15 days ` after the effective date of this act, and the expiration of that authority does not impact the validity or the effect of any stay issued pursuant to this act. The Governor may lift the stay authorized under this act at any time. A person may not be held civilly liable and is not subject to regulatory or disciplinary sanctions for taking action to comply with a stay issued by the Governor pursuant to this act.
- (3) Upon the issuance of a stay, the chief judge of the circuit court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the patient to make recommendations to the Governor and the court.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.