

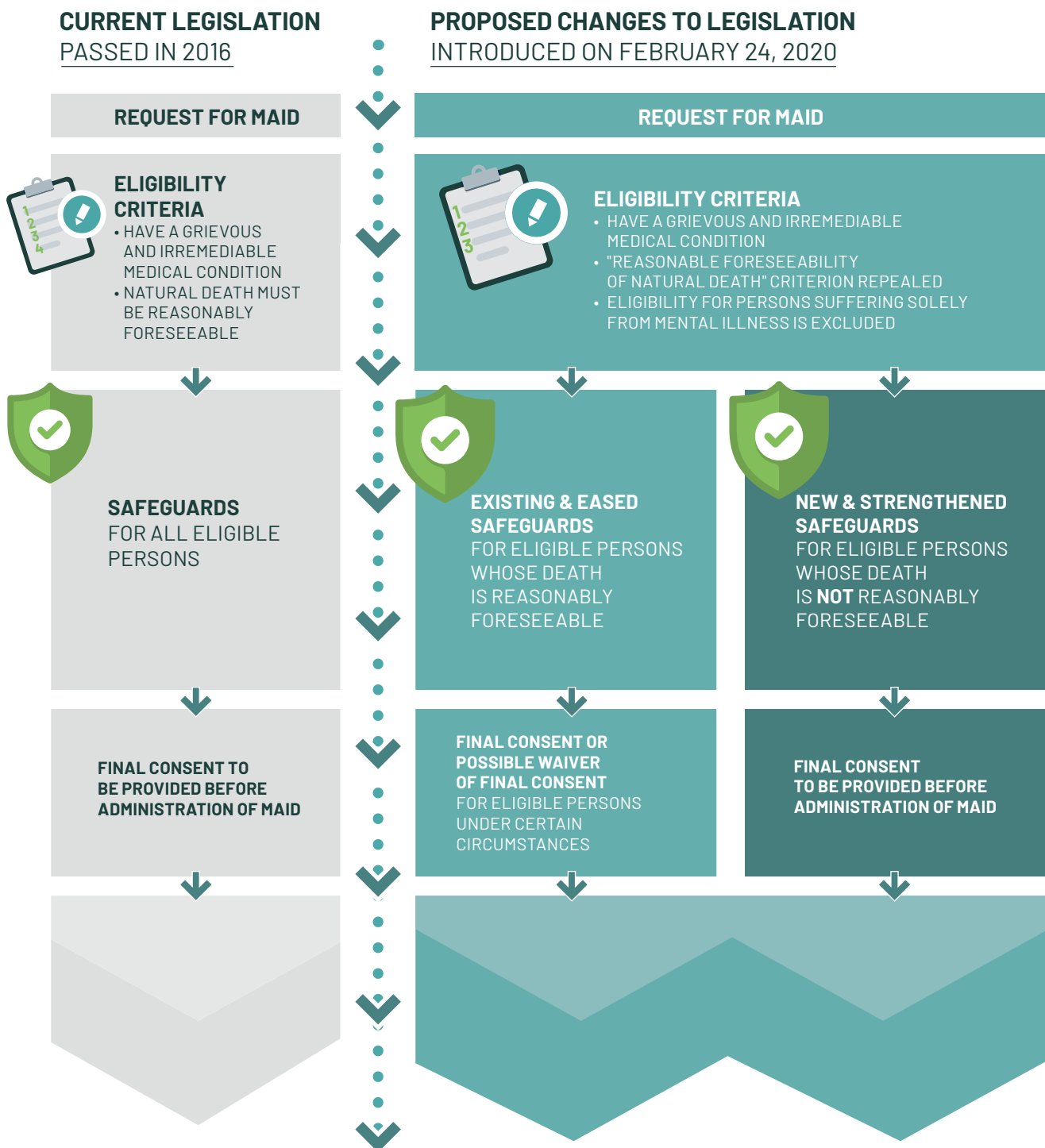


# MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING IN CANADA

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO LEGISLATION

On February 24, 2020, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada introduced a bill, which proposes changes to the *Criminal Code*'s provisions on medical assistance in dying (MAID). The proposed changes follow consultations with Canadians, experts, practitioners, stakeholders, Indigenous groups, provinces and territories, and an online questionnaire that received over 300,000 responses.

This Bill would amend the *Criminal Code* to allow MAID for eligible persons who wish to pursue a medically assisted death, whether their natural death is reasonably foreseeable or not. The proposed changes will reduce unnecessary suffering in Canada. They will also support greater autonomy and freedom of choice for eligible persons, and provide safeguards to protect those who may be vulnerable.



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To support healthcare practitioners and sustain pan-Canadian cooperation on the implementation of medical assistance in dying, including the changes to the regime proposed in this Bill, the Government of Canada will work with provinces and territories, health care practitioners and regulatory bodies on best practices, clinical guidance, training, monitoring and reporting.