**Tory MP Stephen Fletcher to introduce assisted suicide bill**

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OTTAWA — Former Conservative cabinet minister Stephen Fletcher says he plans to introduce two private member’s bills that would allow assisted suicide in some cases.

The Manitoba MP, who was in an accident in 1996 that left him a quadriplegic, says one of the bills would, if passed, allow doctors to help people end their lives under certain restricted circumstances.

The other bill would establish a commission to monitor the system and make recommendations for improvement.

It’s far from the first time the issue of assisted suicide has made headlines in Canada. Similar legislation was introduced in Quebec last year, but died when the provincial election was called.

The Supreme Court of Canada has also agreed to hear an appeal in the high-profile British Columbia case of Gloria Taylor, a terminally ill woman who died in 2012.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay says he has no interest in revisiting the debate