



Substitute House Bill No. 7156

Public Act No. 07-23

AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPICE SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 19a-122b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 368v and 368z, an organization licensed as a hospice pursuant to the Public Health Code or certified as a hospice pursuant to 42 USC [Section] 1395x, shall be authorized to operate a residence for terminally ill persons, for the purpose of providing hospice home care arrangements including, but not limited to, hospice home care services and supplemental services. Such arrangements shall be provided to those patients who would otherwise receive such care from family members. The residence shall provide a homelike atmosphere for such patients for a time period deemed appropriate for home health care services under like circumstances. Any hospice [which] that operates a residence pursuant to the provisions of this section shall cooperate with the Commissioner of Public Health to develop standards for the licensure and operation of such homes.

(b) On and after January 1, 2008, any organization seeking initial licensure as a hospice by the Department of Public Health shall (1)

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agree to provide hospice care services for terminally ill persons on a twenty-four-hour basis in all settings including, but not limited to, a private home, nursing home, residential care home or specialized residence that provides supportive services, and (2) present to the department satisfactory evidence that such organization has the necessary qualified personnel to provide services in such settings.

(c) No organization may use the title "hospice" or "hospice care program" or make use of any title, words, letters or abbreviations indicating or implying that such organization is licensed to provide hospice services unless such organization is licensed to provide such services by the Department of Public Health and certified as a hospice pursuant to 42 USC 1395x.

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