



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7156

January Session, 2007

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AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPICE SERVICES.

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

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 Section 19a-122b of the general statutes is repealed and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

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

17 (b) On and after January 1, 2008, any organization seeking initial
18 licensure as a hospice by the Department of Public Health shall present
19 to the department satisfactory evidence that such organization is
20 willing and able to provide hospice care services for terminally ill

21 persons on a twenty-four-hour basis in all settings, including, but not
22 limited to, a private home, nursing home, residential care home or
23 specialized residence that provides supportive services.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	19a-122b

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*