



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5499      File No. 322      Cal. No. 263

**"AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATIONS RELATING TO HOSPICE CARE."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Each hospital and long-  
4      term care facility, as defined in section 17b-400 of the general statutes,  
5      that discharges a patient to a hospice facility or hospice residence shall  
6      provide the patient and a member of the patient's family with a list of  
7      hospice facilities and hospice residences located in the geographic area  
8      where the patient previously resided or in another geographic area  
9      requested by the patient that provide hospice services and accept  
10     patients receiving Medicare benefits. The hospital or long-term care  
11     facility shall not limit the patient's ability to choose from among  
12     hospice facilities and hospice residences that accept patients receiving  
13     Medicare benefits within the preferred geographic area and shall  
14     inform the patient or the patient's family member, as appropriate, that  
15     the patient is free to choose among the hospice facilities and hospice

16 residences on the list. The hospital or long-term care facility shall  
 17 document in the patient's medical record the patient's or the patient's  
 18 family member's receipt of such list.

19 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall include in regulations  
 20 adopted by the department for a hospice facility or hospice residence  
 21 requirements that such facility: (1) Maintain a staffing ratio of not less  
 22 than one registered nurse to six patients and not less than one nurse, as  
 23 defined in section 19a-490l of the general statutes, to three patients; (2)  
 24 provide pharmaceutical services at the location where the hospice  
 25 facility or residence is located that shall be under the direction of a  
 26 licensed pharmacist who is employed by the hospice facility or  
 27 residence; and (3) operate a program to provide hospice home health  
 28 care services."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section