



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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(S. Health & Human Services and S. Rules and Reference)

Palliative care

Eliminates the bill's provisions related to the Ohio Department of Health regulating palliative care facilities through a licensing process.

Permits a licensed nursing home to add 20 or fewer long-term care beds without obtaining a certificate of need if all of the beds being added are to be used solely for palliative care and the nursing home does not participate in Medicare or Medicaid.

Hospital after-care and discharge planning

Requires hospitals to give a patient or the patient's guardian the option of designating a lay caregiver for the patient (a person who provides after-care to the patient in the patient's residence after discharge) and specifies responsibilities hospitals have if that option is chosen.

Specifies responsibilities hospitals have with respect to creating patient discharge plans and discharge planning.

Grants a discharging health care professional immunity for an event or occurrence that allegedly arises out of the professional's determination that a patient's lay caregiver should or should not participate in the review of the patient's discharge plan.

Authorizes the Ohio Department of Health to adopt rules to implement the bill's provisions.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Memory care units

Requires the Director of Aging and the Director of Health to jointly develop recommendations regarding the establishment of standards and procedures for the operation of memory care units, as well as quality-of-care metrics for such units.

Criminal penalty – assisting suicide

Generally prohibits a person from knowingly causing another to commit or attempt to commit suicide by either providing the physical means to do so or participating in a physical act by which the person commits or attempts to commit suicide.

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