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Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to permitting a
hospice to employ and enter into contracts with licensed healthcare
providers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. Section 4002 of the public health law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:
3 5. "TERMINALLY ILL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL HAS A MEDICAL PROGNOSIS THAT
4 THE INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE EXPECTANCY IS APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR OR LESS IF
5 THE ILLNESS RUNS ITS NORMAL COURSE.
6 S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 4008 of the public health law, as added
7 by chapter 416 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:
8 3. Subject to the provisions of this section and section four thousand
9 ten of this article, contractual agreements between a hospice and other
10 providers of other care and services shall not be prohibited, AND A
11 HOSPICE MAY EMPLOY AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH ANY LAWFUL COMBINATION
12 OF LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN RELATION TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY
13 THE HOSPICE UNDER THIS ARTICLE, provided that the hospice maintains full
14 responsibility for the planning, coordination and quality of such
15 services and the adherence to the plan of care established for the
16 patients.
17 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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