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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, 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 LICENSED HEALTHCARE  
12    PROFESSIONAL OR ANY LAWFUL COMBINATION THEREOF IN RELATION TO SERVICES  
13    PROVIDED BY THE HOSPICE UNDER THIS ARTICLE, provided that the hospice  
14    maintains full responsibility for the planning, coordination and quality  
15    of such services and the adherence to the plan of care established for  
16    the 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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