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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 providers

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

Section 1. Section 4002 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. "TERMINALLY ILL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL HAS A MEDICAL PROGNOSIS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE EXPECTANCY IS APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR OR LESS IF THE ILLNESS RUNS ITS NORMAL COURSE.

S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 4008 of the public health law, as added by chapter 416 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:

3. Subject to the provisions of this section and section four thousand ten of this article, contractual agreements between a hospice and other providers of other care and services shall not be prohibited, AND A HOSPICE MAY EMPLOY AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH ANY LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL OR ANY LAWFUL COMBINATION THEREOF IN RELATION TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HOSPICE UNDER THIS ARTICLE, provided that the hospice maintains full responsibility for the planning, coordination and quality of such services and the adherence to the plan of care established for the patients.

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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