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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. RODRIGUEZ -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to authorizing
hospice residences to care for up to 25 patients

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2-b of section 4002 of the public health law,
2 as amended by chapter 512 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 2-b. "Hospice residence" means a hospice operated home which is resi-
5 dential in character and physical structure and operated for the purpose
6 of providing more than two hospice patients but not more than sixteen
7 hospice patients OR, IN CITIES HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR
8 MORE, NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE HOSPICE PATIENTS, with hospice care,
9 which may include dually certified hospice in-patient beds up to twen-
10 ty-five percent of the hospice residence's patient capacity.
11 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 4014 of the public health law, as
12 amended by chapter 512 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
13 follows:
14 1. The commissioner is hereby authorized to establish a hospice resi-
15 dence pilot program. Such program, subject to the rules and regulations
16 of the commissioner, shall authorize the operation of not more than ten
17 hospice residences operated for the purpose of providing more than two
18 hospice patients but not more than sixteen hospice patients OR, IN
19 CITIES HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, NOT MORE THAN TWEN-
20 TY-FIVE HOSPICE PATIENTS, with hospice care. The locations of the
21 hospice residence pilot program shall be geographically disbursed
22 throughout the state and approved by the commissioner. To the extent
23 that patients may access hospital or skilled nursing home care, the care
24 plan for such patients shall provide for such care.

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

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1 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately and the amendments to
2 sections 4002 and 4014 of the public health law made by sections one and
3 two of this act shall apply to hospice residences established prior to
4 the effective date of this act as well as those created thereafter.