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Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- ordered to a third reading -- passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the definition of palliative care

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

1     Section 1. Section 4012-b of the public health law, as added by chap-  
2     ter 195 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 4012-b. Hospice palliative care [program for persons with advanced  
4     and progressive disease]. 1. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
5     of this article to the contrary, a hospice may also offer a program of  
6     palliative care for patients with advanced [and progressive disease]  
7     LIFE-LIMITING CONDITIONS AND ILLNESSES and their families. Such a  
8     program may be provided by a hospice issued a certificate of approval  
9     pursuant to section [forty hundred] FOUR THOUSAND four of this article,  
10    acting alone or under contract with a certified home health agency, long  
11    term home health care program, licensed home care services agency or  
12    AIDS home care program, as such terms are defined in section thirty-six  
13    hundred two of this chapter. Nothing in this section shall preclude the  
14    provision of palliative care by any other health care provider otherwise  
15    authorized to provide such services.  
16    2. For the purposes of this section [the following terms shall mean:  
17    (a) "Advanced and progressive disease" means a medical condition which  
18    is irreversible and which will continue indefinitely, where there is no  
19    reasonable hope of maintaining life.  
20    (b)] "Palliative care" means the active, interdisciplinary care of  
21    patients with advanced, life-limiting illness, focusing on relief of  
22    distressing physical and psychosocial symptoms and meeting spiritual  
23    needs. Its goal is achievement of the best quality of life for patients  
24    and families.  
25    S 2. 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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