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

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   § 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   § 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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