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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill amends or adds definitions in statutes licensing hospice providers to allow individuals age 21 or younger who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness contributing to a shortened life expectancy, to receive care or services from a hospice provider.

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- 1 Hospice provider.** Amends section 144A.75, subd. 5. Removes a reference to “terminally ill” from the definition of “hospice provider” to conform with changes made to the definition of “hospice patient” in section 2.
- 2 Hospice patient.** Amends section 144A.75, subd. 6. Expands the definition of “hospice patient” to include an individual who is age 21 or younger and has been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness contributing to a shortened life expectancy. Adding these patients to the definition allows them to receive services from a hospice provider.
- 3 Hospice services; hospice care.** Amends section 144A.75, subd. 8. Amends the definition of “hospice services” or “hospice care” to conform with changes made to the definition of “hospice patient” in section 2.
- 4 Residential hospice facility.** Amends section 144A.75, subd. 13. Amends the definition of “residential hospice facility” to clarify that the facility resembles a single-family home that has been modified to address life safety, accessibility, and care needs.
- 5 Respite care.** Adds subd. 13a to section 144A.75. Adds a definition of “respite care.” This definition is similar to the definition of respite care found in hospice services rules at

Section

Minnesota Rules, part 4664.0020, subpart 5, except the definition in this bill includes a reference to residential hospice facility.

- 6** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$5,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the state government special revenue fund to the commissioner of health for licensure of hospice providers that care for patients 21 years of age or younger who are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness contributing to a shortened life expectancy.