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Overview

Current law allows residential hospice facilities to be licensed to provide residential and support services to hospice patients. A hospice patient is defined as a person diagnosed with a terminal illness and with a probable life expectancy of under one year. This bill amends hospice licensure statutes to allow residential hospice facilities to also provide residential and support services to children who need respite care or palliative care due to a condition suggesting a shortened life expectancy.

Section

- 1 **Residential hospice facility.** Amends section 144A.75, subdivision 13. Amends the definition of residential hospice facility for purposes of hospice care licensure, to allow residential hospice facilities to care for children who need respite care or palliative care due to a condition suggesting a shortened life expectancy.
- 2 **Respite care.** Adds subdivision 13a to section 144A.75. Defines the term respite care in hospice care licensure statutes. This definition is similar to the definition of respite care found in rules for hospice services at Minnesota Rules, part 4664.0020, subpart 5, except that the definition in this bill includes a reference to residential hospice facility and allows respite care when needed to relieve the family of the child with a condition suggesting a shortened life expectancy.