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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.

#### Section

- 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.