



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5481

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"AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PATIENTS RECEIVING HOSPICE CARE AT A SHORT-TERM HOSPITAL SPECIAL HOSPICE OR A HOSPICE FACILITY."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Commissioner of
4 Social Services shall develop a pilot program to identify and utilize a
5 short-term hospital special hospice, licensed pursuant to section 19a-491
6 of the general statutes, to treat Medicaid patients with advanced illness
7 who qualify for hospice and are clinically complex, high-acuity
8 individuals that cannot be safely managed at home or in a skilled
9 nursing facility, provided that such short-term hospital special hospice
10 does not practice outside of the scope of its license without obtaining the
11 appropriate license for the provision of care for such patients. Not later
12 than January 15, 2027, the commissioner or the commissioner's
13 designee, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
14 general statutes, shall submit a report to the joint standing committees
15 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

16 appropriations, human services and public health on the development
17 of the pilot program, including any potential savings that may be
18 achieved and recommendations for funding or statutory changes.

19 (b) Within funds specifically appropriated for this purpose, the
20 Department of Social Services shall implement such pilot program not
21 later than December 30, 2027."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section