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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOSPICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1   SECTION 1. The legislature finds that some patients are

2 admitted to hospice care having a limited amount of money

3 designated for their care. Sometimes, this money is depleted

4 before all hospice services can be provided, and the patient's

5 guardian is not available to consent to additional funding or to

6 make further decisions.

7   The purpose of this Act is to:

8   (1) Restrict the types of facilities that may provide

9   hospice care; and

10   (2) Establish that a patient's guardian has the legal

11   responsibility to advocate for their patient until the

12   end of the patient's life.

13   SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

14 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately

15 designated and to read as follows:

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1   "**§321-   Hospice home providers; guardian**

2   **responsibilities.**   (a)   Hospice care shall only be provided by a

3   licensed hospice care facility, care home, or foster home.

4   (b)   A guardian of a person in a hospice home shall have

5   the legal responsibility to advocate for the person until the

6   end of the person's life."

7   SECTION 3.   This Act does not affect rights and duties that

8   matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were

9   begun before its effective date.

10   SECTION 4.   New statutory material is underscored.

11   SECTION 5.   This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:
Hospice Home; Guardian

Description:
Requires that hospice care shall only be provided by a licensed hospice care facility, care home, or foster home. Requires that a guardian of a person in a hospice home shall have the legal responsibility to advocate for the person until end of the person's life.

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