

HOUSE BILL NO. 271

1/19 Introduced
2/15 Hearing
Died in Committee

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Lehyg McWilliams
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO EXEMPT VOLUNTEER
 5 HOSPICE PROGRAMS FROM LICENSING; AMENDING SECTION 50-5-210,
 6 MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN
 7 APPLICABILITY DATE."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Section 50-5-210, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "50-5-210. Department to make rules -- standards for
 12 skilled care. (1) The department shall by rule establish
 13 standards for the licensure of a hospice. These standards
 14 must consider the terminally ill patient and his family as a
 15 unit and require service delivery through a medically
 16 directed interdisciplinary team of professionals and
 17 volunteers acting under a defined hospice administration.

18 (2) A Except as provided in subsection (3), a hospice
 19 must meet the standards of care defined by law for any
 20 skilled care it provides that normally would be provided by
 21 a licensed facility such as a hospital, skilled nursing
 22 facility, or home health agency.

23 (3) Hospice programs staffed by volunteers are exempt
 24 from the requirements of this part."

25 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date --

1 applicability. This act is effective on passage and approval
 2 and applies to all existing hospice programs and to any
 3 hospice programs initiated after the effective date of this
 4 act.

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