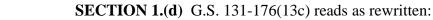
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2023**

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SENATE BILL 787

	Short Title:	Redefine Hospice Facilities/Licensure & CON. (Public)
	Sponsors:	Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).
	Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate
		May 2, 2024
1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT RE	DEFINING THE TERMS "HOSPICE INPATIENT FACILITY" AND "HOSPICE
3	RESIDEN	NTIAL CARE FACILITY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE HOSPITAL LICENSURE
4	ACT AN	D CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO
5		PARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH
6		E REGULATION, TO SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OF STATE LICENSURE
7		RTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS PERTAINING TO THESE FACILITIES.
8		Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
9		ECTION 1.(a) G.S. 131E-201(3a) reads as rewritten:
10	"(3a) "Hospice inpatient facility" means a freestanding licensed hospice facility or
11		a designated inpatient unit in an existing health service facility which that
12		provides palliative and supportive medical and other health services to meet
13		the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and special needs of terminally
14		ill patients patients, patients 20 years old or younger who have been diagnosed
15	CI	with limited life expectancy, and their families in an inpatient setting."
16		ECTION 1.(b) G.S. 131E-201(5a) reads as rewritten:
17	· (.	5a) "Hospice residential care facility" means a freestanding licensed hospice
18		facility which that provides palliative and supportive medical and other health
19 20		services to meet the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and special needs of terminally ill patients patients, patients 20 years old or younger who
20 21		have been diagnosed with limited life expectancy, and their families in a group
21		residential setting."
22	5	ECTION 1.(c) G.S. 131E-176(13b) reads as rewritten:
23 24		13b) Hospice inpatient facility. – A freestanding licensed hospice facility or a
25	(designated inpatient unit in an existing health service facility which that
26		provides palliative and supportive medical and other health services to meet
27		the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and special needs of terminally
28		ill patients patients, patients 20 years old or younger who have been diagnosed
29		with limited life expectancy, and their families in an inpatient setting. For
30		purposes of this Article only, a hospital which that has a contractual agreement
31		with a licensed hospice to provide inpatient services to a hospice patient as
32		defined in G.S. 131E-201(4) and provides those services in a licensed acute
33		care bed is not a hospice inpatient facility and is not subject to the
34		requirements in sub-subdivision (5)b. of this section for hospice inpatient
35		beds."
36	SI	ECTION 1.(d) G.S. 131-176(13c) reads as rewritten:





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1	"(13c) Hospice residential care facility. – A freestanding licensed hospice facility
2	which that provides palliative and supportive medical and other health
3	services to meet the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and special
4	needs of terminally ill patients patients, patients 20 years old or younger who
5	have been diagnosed with limited life expectancy, and their families in a group
6	residential setting."
7	SECTION 2. Effective July 1, 2024, there is appropriated from the General Fund to
8	the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, the sum
9	of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be allocated
10	and used to support enforcement of State licensure and certificate of need laws pertaining to
11	hospice inpatient facilities and hospice residential care facilities, as those terms are defined in
12	G.S. 131E-201 and G.S. 131E-176, respectively, as amended by Section 1 of this act.
13	SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
14	law.