

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR SB 293**

Citations Affected: IC 5-14; IC 12-26; IC 16-18; IC 16-25; IC 16-27.

Synopsis: Hospice licensing and approval. Establishes requirements for hospice licensure and approval. Provides that a hospice license or approval is valid for one year, with an annual fee of \$100. Provides for a provisional license or approval for a hospice program operating before September 1, 1999. Requires a survey by the state department of health (SDOH), in coordination with the office of Medicaid policy and planning, to determine whether a hospice should receive a license or approval. Requires the SDOH to provide recommendations to the general assembly regarding the frequency with which hospices should be surveyed. Makes it a Class A misdemeanor for a person to represent hospice services without a hospice license or approval. Requires the SDOH to establish and maintain a statewide, toll free number to receive complaints about hospice programs. Allows the SDOH to sanction a hospice under certain circumstances. Requires the owner or operator of a licensed or approved hospice program to obtain a limited criminal history of each employee and volunteer of the hospice program who will provide hospice services. Requires each licensed or approved hospice program to provide a written disclosure to each potential patient that includes specific information. Repeals optional certification of hospice providers by the SDOH. Makes conforming amendments. (This conference committee report requires hospice programs to disclose specific services available during the progressive stages of terminal illness and thereafter, and changes certain dates from July 1, 1999, to September 1, 1999.)

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 293 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 9, line 25, delete "July" and insert "**September**".
- 2 Page 9, line 30, delete "July" and insert "**September**".
- 3 Page 11, line 7, delete "July" and insert "**September**".
- 4 Page 15, line 7, delete "and".
- 5 Page 15, between lines 7 and 8, begin a new line double block
- 6 indented and insert:
- 7 "**(C) specific services available during the progressive**
- 8 **stages of the terminal illness and thereafter; and**".
- 9 Page 15, line 8, delete "(C)" and insert "**(D)**".
(Reference is to ESB 293 as reprinted April 9, 1999.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Senate Bill 293

Signed by:

Senator Miller

Representative Brown C

Senator Alexa

Representative Dillon

Senate Conferees

House Conferees