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HOSPICE ACT: REPEAL SUNSET

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House Bill 4322 as introduced
First Analysis (5-11-87)

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Sponsor: Rep. David C. Hollister
Committee: Public Health

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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Public Act 293 of 1980, which created Part 214 of the Public Health Code, provides for licensure of hospices and sets standards for hospice care. The state regulation established by the act paved the way for coverage of hospice costs by private and public health insurance programs, including Medicaid and Medicare. However, the act is scheduled to expire seven years after its effective date of March 31, 1981. Without legislative action to repeal the sunset provision, the act will expire on March 31, 1988.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend Part 214 of the Public Health Code, which regulates hospices, to repeal a provision that says that Part 214 will expire seven years after its effective date.

MCL 333.21421

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The House Fiscal Agency says that the bill would not represent any increased costs for the state, and reports that annual costs for the hospice licensure program are about \$30,000. (5-8-87)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would allow the hospice regulatory act to continue to exist, and not expire on March 31, 1988, as would otherwise occur.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Public Health supports the bill. (5-4-87)

The Michigan Hospice Organization supports the bill. (5-7-87)

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