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PATIENT ADVOCATE MAY CHOOSE HOSPICE CARE

House Bill 4358

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**Committee: Senior Health, Security and
Retirement**

Complete to 4-13-99

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4358 AS INTRODUCED 3-2-99

The bill would amend the Estates and Protected Individuals Code to modify provisions relating to the authority of a person designated as a patient advocate. The bill would provide that, unless clearly contradictory to the patient's desires, a patient advocate could choose to have the patient placed under hospice care. The bill would take effect April 1, 2000.

(The section of law that the bill would amend is part of a general recodification of the Revised Probate Code, Public Act 386 of 1998, which will take effect April 1, 2000. The patient advocate provisions originate from Public Act 312 of 1990, which amended the Revised Probate Code [MCL 700.496] to allow a person to designate another as a patient advocate, with authority to exercise powers concerning care, custody, and medical treatment decisions for the person making the designation [the "patient"].)

MCL 700.5509

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