



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB2877

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Nicolle Grasse

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 60/15

Amends the Hospice Program Licensing Act. Provides that, no later than December 31, 2026, the Hospice and Palliative Care Advisory Board shall submit a report to the General Assembly on the state of care for individuals experiencing a serious or life-limiting illness and their family caregivers. Requires the report to include, at a minimum, data regarding the availability of and need for hospice and palliative care services in Illinois; data showing the relative value of non-hospice adult palliative care to the State of Illinois and its citizens; evidence-based recommendations to educate health care professionals and the public about non-hospice palliative care; and recommendations for state standards for adult palliative care.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Hospice Program Licensing Act is amended by
5 changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 60/15)

7 Sec. 15. Hospice and Palliative Care Advisory Board.

8 (a) The Director shall appoint a Hospice and Palliative
9 Care Advisory Board ("the Board") to consult with the
10 Department as provided in this Section. The membership of the
11 Board shall be as follows:

12 (1) The Director, ex officio, who shall be a nonvoting
13 member and shall serve as chairman of the Board.

14 (2) One representative of each of the following State
15 agencies, each of whom shall be a nonvoting member: the
16 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the
17 Department of Human Services, and the Department on Aging.

18 (3) One member who is a physician licensed to practice
19 medicine in all its branches, selected from the
20 recommendations of a statewide professional society
21 representing physicians licensed to practice medicine in
22 all its branches in all specialties.

23 (4) One member who is a registered nurse, selected

1 from the recommendations of professional nursing
2 associations.

3 (5) Four members selected from the recommendations of
4 organizations whose primary membership consists of hospice
5 programs.

6 (6) Two members who represent the general public and
7 who have no responsibility for management or formation of
8 policy of a hospice program and no financial interest in a
9 hospice program.

10 (7) One member selected from the recommendations of
11 consumer organizations that engage in advocacy or legal
12 representation on behalf of hospice patients and their
13 immediate families.

14 (b) Of the initial appointees, 4 shall serve for terms of 2
15 years, 4 shall serve for terms of 3 years, and 5 shall serve
16 for terms of 4 years, as determined by lot at the first meeting
17 of the Board. Each successor member shall be appointed for a
18 term of 4 years. A member appointed to fill a vacancy before
19 the expiration of the term for which his or her predecessor was
20 appointed shall be appointed to serve for the remainder of
21 that term.

22 (c) The Board shall meet as frequently as the chairman
23 deems necessary, but not less than 4 times each year. Upon the
24 request of 4 or more Board members, the chairman shall call a
25 meeting of the Board. A Board member may designate a
26 replacement to serve at a Board meeting in place of the member

1 by submitting a letter stating that designation to the
2 chairman before or at the Board meeting. The replacement
3 member must represent the same general interests as the member
4 being replaced, as described in paragraphs (1) through (7) of
5 subsection (a).

6 (d) Board members are entitled to reimbursement for their
7 actual expenses incurred in performing their duties.

8 (e) The Board shall advise the Department on all aspects
9 of the Department's responsibilities under this Act, including
10 the format and content of any rules adopted by the Department
11 on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
12 95th General Assembly. Any such rule or amendment to a rule
13 proposed on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act
14 of the 95th General Assembly, except an emergency rule adopted
15 pursuant to Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative
16 Procedure Act, that is adopted without obtaining the advice of
17 the Board is null and void. If the Department fails to follow
18 the advice of the Board with respect to a proposed rule or
19 amendment to a rule, the Department shall, before adopting the
20 rule or amendment to a rule, transmit a written explanation of
21 the reason for its action to the Board. During its review of
22 rules, the Board shall analyze the economic and regulatory
23 impact of those rules. If the Board, having been asked for its
24 advice with respect to a proposed rule or amendment to a rule,
25 fails to advise the Department within 90 days, the proposed
26 rule or amendment shall be considered to have been acted upon

1 by the Board.

2 (f) The Board shall also review pediatric palliative care
3 issues as provided in the Pediatric Palliative Care Act.

4 (g) No later than December 31, 2026, the Board shall
5 submit a report to the General Assembly on the state of care
6 for individuals experiencing a serious or life-limiting
7 illness and their family caregivers. The report shall include
8 at a minimum:

9 (1) data regarding the availability of and need for
10 hospice and palliative care services in Illinois;

11 (2) data showing the relative value of non-hospice
12 adult palliative care to the State of Illinois and its
13 citizens;

14 (3) evidence-based recommendations to educate health
15 care professionals and the public about non-hospice
16 palliative care; and

17 (4) recommendations for state standards for adult
18 palliative care.

19 (Source: P.A. 95-133, eff. 1-1-08; 96-1078, eff. 7-16-10.)