



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Hutter, BB0079 - Accreditation for hospice and home health agencies

FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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This bill allows DHS to recognize accreditation by certain accrediting organizations that are approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services instead of performing inspections and investigations itself for licensure of home health agencies and hospices. DHS, under current law, is allowed to accept accreditation of hospices by the Joint Commission in lieu of performing inspections and investigations. The bill expands accrediting organizations from which DHS will recognize accreditation of hospices.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 50.49 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

50.49 (6) (a) Except as provided in s. 50.498, the department shall issue a home health agency license if the applicant is fit and qualified, and if the home health

agency meets the requirements established by this section. The Except as provided in par. (am), the department, or its designated representatives, shall make such inspections and investigations as are necessary to determine the conditions existing in each case and file written reports. Each licensee shall annually file a report with the department.

SECTION 2. 50.49 (6) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

50.49 (6) (am) In lieu of performing its own inspection or investigation under par. (a), the department may recognize as evidence for purposes of licensure accreditation of the home health agency by an organization that is approved by the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services and that meets any requirements established by the department. The home health agency shall provide the department with a copy of the report by the accreditation organization of each periodic review the organization conducts of the home health agency for the department's use in tracking compliance, investigating complaints, and conducting further surveys.

SECTION 3. 50.92 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

50.92 (4) (b) In lieu of inspecting or investigating a hospice under sub. (3) prior to issuance of a license, the department may accept evidence that a hospice applying for licensure under s. 50.93 ~~has been inspected under and is currently in compliance with the hospice requirements of the joint commission for the accreditation of health organizations~~ as a hospice from an organization that is approved by the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services and that meets any requirements established by the department. A hospice shall provide the department with a copy of the report by the ~~joint commission for the accreditation of health organizations~~

organization of each periodic review the ~~association~~ organization conducts of the hospice.

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