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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 646

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “of” insert “requiring that, beginning on a certain date, the State health plan methodologies, standards, and criteria for licensed hospice certificate of need review shall use certain data from certain years to calculate a certain volume threshold;”; and in line 8, after “need;” insert “requiring the Commission, in collaboration with the Hospice and Palliative Care Network, to incorporate in a certain methodology recognition that hospice utilization may be influenced by a certain demographic makeup; providing for the use of certain race and ethnicity data in a certain methodology;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 7, after “(3)” insert “**(I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, BEGINNING DECEMBER 31, 2014, THE PLAN METHODOLOGIES, STANDARDS, AND CRITERIA FOR LICENSED HOSPICE CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW SHALL USE DATA FROM THE 5 MOST RECENT YEARS BEGINNING WITH THE MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE USED TO CALCULATE THE VOLUME THRESHOLD IN THE TARGET YEAR.**

**(II)**”;

and after line 12, insert:

**“(4) (I) WHEN PROJECTING NEED FOR ADDITIONAL HOSPICE CAPACITY, THE COMMISSION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE NETWORK, SHALL INCORPORATE IN THE METHODOLOGY**

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USED RECOGNITION THAT HOSPICE UTILIZATION MAY BE INFLUENCED BY THE DEMOGRAPHIC MAKEUP OF A JURISDICTION.

(ii) THE METHODOLOGY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL USE RACE AND ETHNICITY UTILIZATION DATA, INCLUDING AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY IN A HOSPICE PROGRAM, FROM THE MOST RECENT STUDIES AS A DATA SOURCE WHEN PROJECTING NEED FOR ADDITIONAL HOSPICE CAPACITY IN THE TARGET YEAR.”