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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 619 (Senator Manno)
Finance

State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life - Membership and Chair

This bill allows a member of the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life, who is serving as the chair of the advisory council on July 1, 2015, to serve an additional four years as a member and as the chair of the advisory council.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law:

Consecutive Terms

The Governor is responsible for appointing 17 of the council's 23 members. A member of the advisory council appointed by the Governor serves for a term of four years. Once a member has served two consecutive four-year terms, that member may not be reappointed until four years have elapsed since the completion of those two terms.

Appointment of the Chair

The Governor is responsible for appointing the chair of the advisory council.

Background: The State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life was established by Chapter 265 of 2002. The council studies the impact of State statutes, regulations, and other aspects of public policy on the provision of care at the end of life. The council monitors trends in the provision of care to patients with fatal illnesses and participates in public and professional educational efforts concerning care at the end of life. The council also advises the General Assembly, Office of Attorney General, Department of Aging, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on matters related to the provision of care at the end of life.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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