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LEGISLATIVE BILL 345

Introduced by Armendariz, 18.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act; to
- 2 amend sections 71-401 and 71-403, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2022; to define a term; and to repeal the original
- 4 sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2022, is amended to read:

3 71-401 Sections 71-401 to 71-479 and section 3 of this act shall be
4 known and may be cited as the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.

5 Sec. 2. Section 71-403, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
6 2022, is amended to read:

7 71-403 For purposes of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act,
8 unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections
9 71-404 to 71-431 and section 3 of this act shall apply.

10 Sec. 3. Palliative care means specialized medical care for people
11 living with a serious illness that carries a high risk of mortality or
12 negatively impacts quality of life. This type of care addresses the
13 symptoms and stress of a serious illness, including pain. Palliative care
14 is a team-based approach to care, providing essential support at any age
15 and stage of a serious illness. It can be provided across care settings
16 and along with curative treatment. The goal of palliative care is to
17 improve quality of life for both the patient and the patient's family or
18 care partner.

19 Sec. 4. Original sections 71-401 and 71-403, Revised Statutes
20 Cumulative Supplement, 2022, are repealed.