HB 977 -- SOCIAL MODEL END OF LIFE CARE HOMES

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This bill defines a social model end of life care home as a dwelling place for a terminally ill individual who cannot receive care in his or her own home.

The bill requires an individual in said home to have a life expectancy of six months or less and be enrolled with a hospice agency, which will work in conjunction with the home.

A home must provide 24-hour care by a team of trained caregivers and volunteers; be a nonprofit charitable organization; be funded through donations and grants; provide an orientation to all volunteers and staff; ensure that all volunteers and staff are screened by the Family Care Safety Registry; and comply with all applicable city and county structure codes.

A home must not accept Medicare, Medicaid, or insurance payments. A home may establish sliding scale fees. Provisions regulating nursing homes do not apply to a social model end of life care home.