

HB 1773 -- END-OF-LIFE CARE HOMES

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This bill defines an "End-of-Life Care Home" as a residence operated by a nonprofit organization that provides a home-like dwelling place for terminally ill residents with a life expectancy of six months or less who are enrolled in a hospice program. The bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish reasonable standards and regulations for these homes and create a process for registration which will cost no more than \$100 per home.

Staff and volunteers of the homes must be trained to recognize abuse, neglect, and exploitation. They must also have a system for grievances and allow inspection by the department at any time. Homes caring for no more than two persons, or only persons related to the provider are exempt from registration requirements.

Any person in violation of any provision of Section 198.190, RSMo, or making false statements on a registration is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. A person violating this section wherein abuse or neglect of a resident has occurred is guilty of a class E felony.