HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL:	CS/CS/SB 2156
SPONSOR:	Senator Klein
SUBJECT:	End-of-Life Care
PREPARED BY:	Senate Committee on Health, Aging and Long-term Care
DATE:	May 3, 2001

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 491499 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 amends s. 765.1103, F.S., relating to pain management and palliative care, to require providers and practitioners regulated under chapters 458 (medicine), 459 (osteopathic medicine), or 464 (nursing) to comply with a request for pain management or palliative care from a patient under their care or, for an incapacitated patient under their care, from a surrogate, proxy, guardian, or other representative permitted to make health care decisions for the incapacitated patient. Facilities regulated under ch. 400, F.S., or ch. 395, F.S., must comply with the pain management or palliative care measures ordered by the patient's physician. Deletes requirements for the court-appointed guardian or attorney in fact to have been delegated authority to make health care decisions on behalf of the patient.