

1 having populations of 550,000 or more, or in any hospice
2 service area where a for-profit hospice is currently licensed
3 to operate under subsection (6). The Agency for Health Care
4 Administration shall use hospice service areas as published on
5 January 1, 2005. No later than January 1, 2007, the Agency for
6 Health Care Administration shall submit to the Legislature a
7 report analyzing the impact of for-profit hospices on the
8 delivery of care to terminally ill patients, including a
9 review of the quality of care, the change in the competitive
10 marketplace, and any other relevant information.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
12 law.

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14 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
15 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
16 SB 1622

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18 The committee substitute differs from SB 1622 in the following
19 ways:

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21 Licensure of a for-profit hospice will only be permitted in a
22 hospice service area with a population of 550,000 or more or
23 an area where a for-profit hospice is currently licensed to
24 operate.

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26 The bill requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to
27 report to the Legislature by January 2007, regarding the
28 impact of for-profit hospices on the delivery of care.

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