

# Insurance and Real Estate Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1114

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE EQUITY

**Title:** OWNERSHIP IN HOSPICE CARE.

**Vote Date:** 3/16/2023

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/28/2023

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

Recent reports have detailed troubling accusations of exploitation in hospice care facilities owned by private equity firms. Otherwise healthy people with conditions such as heart disease or diabetes can be deemed terminally ill and therefore eligible for hospice care. Enrolling non-terminal individuals in hospice can reduce cost of care while the hospice facility collects Medicare payments from each patient. The proponents of this bill aim to solve these problems by commissioning a study to determine the feasibility of banning private equity from being involved in hospice care.

## **SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:**

The proposed substitute language requires the study to be completed by the Public Health Commissioner rather than the Insurance Commissioner.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None expressed.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None expressed.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed.

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**Date: 3/27/2023**