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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING ELIMINATING THE ABILITY OF ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES TO DECLARE PATIENTS TERMINALLY ILL.

Summary of Legislation

This bill was recommended by Hospice and Palliative Care in Colorado, a legislative committee, during the 2009 interim. The bill repeals a portion of HB08-1061,which took effect on January 1, 2009, by eliminating the ability of advanced practice nurses (APN's) to declare or certify a patient terminally ill for the purposes of triggering end-of-life decisions, and leaves such ability to the sole discretion of a physician.

APNs retain the ability to enter declarations for medical treatment into a patient's record and participate in their end-of-life care under state law.

The bill takes effect August 11, 2010, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Assessment

This bill is not anticipated to affect current or proposed staffing levels or appropriations for any state or local government agency, and is assessed at no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Health Care Policy & Financing	Judicial
Public Health & Environment	Regulatory Agencies