

(6) "Palliative care" means care directed at managing the symptoms experienced by the hospice patient and intended to enhance the quality of life for the hospice patient and the patient's family, but not directed at curing the illness;

(7) "Residential hospice facility" means a facility ~~that houses no more than eight hospice patients,~~ located in a residential area in a facility that resembles a single-family home, that directly provides 24-hour residential and support services in a home-like setting for hospice patients as an integral part of the continuum of home care provided by a hospice licensed under subdivision 2, and that houses:

(i) no more than eight hospice patients; or

(ii) at least nine and no more than 12 hospice patients with the approval of the local governing authority, notwithstanding section 462.357, subdivision 8; and

(8) "Volunteer services" means services by volunteers who provide a personal presence that augments a variety of professional and nonprofessional services available to the hospice patient, the patient's family, and the hospice program.

Sec. 2. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 144A.48, subdivision 6, is repealed.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 2 is effective on the effective date of rules adopted by the commissioner of health relating to the licensure of residential hospice facilities.

Presented to the governor March 30, 2000

Signed by the governor April 3, 2000, 2:17 p.m.

CHAPTER 318—S.F.No. 2701

An act relating to crime prevention; creating the crime of gambling fraud; providing criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [609.763] LAWFUL GAMBLING FRAUD.

Subdivision 1. CRIME. A person is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 2 if the person does any of the following:

(1) knowingly claims a lawful gambling prize using altered or counterfeited gambling equipment;

(2) knowingly claims a lawful gambling prize by means of fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;

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(3) manipulates any form of lawful gambling or tampers with any gambling equipment with intent to influence the outcome of a game or the receipt of a prize; or

(4) knowingly places or uses false information on a prize receipt or on any other form approved for use by the gambling control board or the alcohol and gambling enforcement division of the department of public safety.

Subd. 2. PENALTY. A person who violates subdivision 1 may be sentenced as follows:

(1) if the dollar amount involved is \$500 or less, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor;

(2) if the dollar amount involved is more than \$500 but not more than \$2,500, the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor; and

(3) if the dollar amount involved is more than \$2,500, the person is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both.

Subd. 3. AGGREGATION; JURISDICTION. In a prosecution under this section, the dollar amounts obtained in violation of subdivision 1 within any 12-month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly. When two or more offenses are committed by the same person in two or more counties, the defendant may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the offenses was committed for all of the offenses aggregated under this subdivision.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective August 1, 2000, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

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CHAPTER 319—S.F.No. 2941

An act relating to vulnerable adults; modifying provisions concerning medical errors and neglect; requiring health licensing boards to make determinations regarding employment disqualifications; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 626.5572, subdivision 17; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 245A.04, subdivision 3d; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 214.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 245A.04, subdivision 3d, is amended to read:

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