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Bill 182

An Act providing for the development of a provincial framework on hospice palliative care

Mr. S. Oosterhoff

Private Member's Bill

1st Reading November 27, 2017

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill enacts the *Compassionate Care Act, 2017*. The Act requires the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to develop a provincial framework designed to support improved access to hospice palliative care. The Minister must table a report setting out the provincial framework in the Legislative Assembly within one year after the Bill comes into force. Within five years after the report is tabled, the Minister must prepare and table a report on the state of hospice palliative care in Ontario. Each report must be published on a Government of Ontario website.

An Act providing for the development of a provincial framework on hospice palliative care

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Provincial framework on hospice palliative care

1 (1) The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care shall develop a provincial framework designed to support improved access to hospice palliative care, provided through hospitals, home care, long-term care homes and hospices, that, among other things,

- (a) defines what hospice palliative care is;
- (b) identifies the hospice palliative care training and education needs of health care providers as well as other caregivers;
- (c) identifies measures to support hospice palliative care providers;
- (d) promotes research and the collection of data on hospice palliative care;
- (e) identifies measures to facilitate consistent access to hospice palliative care across Ontario; and
- (f) takes into consideration existing hospice palliative care frameworks, strategies and best practices.

Consultation

(2) The Minister shall develop the provincial framework in consultation with hospice palliative care providers, any other affected ministries, the federal government and any other persons or entities that the Minister considers appropriate in the circumstances.

Same

(3) The Minister shall initiate the consultations referred to in subsection (2) within six months after the day on which this Act comes into force.

Report to Assembly

2 (1) The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care shall prepare a report setting out the provincial framework on hospice palliative care and shall lay the report before the Assembly within one year after the day on which this Act comes into force.

Publication

(2) The Minister shall publish the report on a Government of Ontario website within 10 days after the day on which the report is tabled in the Assembly.

Report re state of hospice palliative care in Ontario

3 (1) Within five years after the day on which the report referred to in section 2 is tabled in the Assembly, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care shall prepare a report on the state of hospice palliative care in Ontario and shall cause the report to be laid before the Assembly on any of the first 15 days on which that Assembly is sitting after the report is completed.

Publication

(2) The Minister shall publish the report on a Government of Ontario website within 10 days after the day on which the report is tabled in the Assembly.

Commencement

4 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

5 The short title of this Act is the *Compassionate Care Act, 2017*.