

(B) HOSPICE.

"HOSPICE" MEANS A FACILITY THAT:

- (1) IS SEPARATE FROM ANY OTHER FACILITY;
- (2) UNDER AN ORGANIZED, MEDICALLY DIRECTED, MULTIPLE DISCIPLINE PROGRAM FOR MEETING THE SPECIAL PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF DYING INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES, PROVIDES PALLIATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE CARE DURING THE ILLNESS AND BEREAVEMENT; AND
- (3) ADMITS AT LEAST 2 BUT NOT MORE THAN 8 INDIVIDUALS WHO:
 - (I) ARE UNRELATED; AND
 - (II) HAVE NO REASONABLE PROSPECT OF A CURE; AND
 - (III) ARE EXPECTED TO DIE WITHIN 6 MONTHS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 950(b).

The term "hospice" is substituted for "freestanding hospice care facility" and "facility" to provide a single, short defined term for use throughout this subtitle.

In item (3)(i) of this subsection, the term "unrelated" is substituted for "nonrelated", to conform to similar terminology in § 19-301 of this article. The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that, while "unrelated" is defined in § 19-301 of this article, there is no comparable definition in this section. The Commission believes that "unrelated" refers to a relationship of a patient to the proprietor of the hospice and not to any relationship between patients in the hospice.

The substantive requirement that "a licensed physician" estimate the life expectancy, now appears in § 19-913 of this subtitle.

(C) LICENSE.

"LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY TO OPERATE A HOSPICE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added