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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; modifying the definition of palliative care; amending Minnesota

1.3 Statutes 2020, section 144A.75, subdivision 12.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 144A.75, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 12. **Palliative care.** "Palliative care" means ~~the total active care of patients whose~~

1.7 ~~disease is not responsive to curative treatment. Control of pain, of other symptoms, and of~~

1.8 ~~psychological, social, and spiritual problems is paramount~~ specialized medical care for

1.9 people living with a serious illness or life-limiting condition. This type of care is focused

1.10 on reducing the pain, symptoms, and stress of a serious illness or condition. Palliative care

1.11 is a team-based approach to care, providing essential support at any age or stage of a serious

1.12 illness or condition, and is often provided together with curative treatment. The goal of

1.13 palliative care is ~~the achievement of the best quality of life for patients and their families~~

1.14 to improve quality of life for both the patient and the patient's family or care partner.