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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
(formerly 55B# 2130)

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Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 2 Vote: Ayes 92 Nays 0
Approved April 7, 1988

A BILL FOR

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2 BY MEDICARE.

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5 of either the facility or the resident's personal physician
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9 under the federal medicare program from a Medicare certified
10 hospice program.

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12 hospice program have entered into a written agreement under
13 which the hospice program takes full responsibility for the
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15 facility agrees to provide room and board to the resident.

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18 patients residing in health care facilities provided the full
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21 health care facility or the patient's personal physician to
22 assume this responsibility. This bill would allow Medicare
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25 benefits while residing in health care facilities.

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HUMAN RESOURCES: Hannon, Chair, Sturgeon and Readinger

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JO ANN ZIMMERMAN
President of the Senate

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DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2159, Seventy-second General Assembly.

Approved April 7, 1988

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JOHN F. DWYER
Secretary of the Senate

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor

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