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CHAPTER 151

(House Bill 149)

AN ACT concerning

Physicians and Surgeons - Consent to  
Postmortem Examinations

FOR the purpose of providing that consent to a physician to conduct postmortem examinations may be given by a recorded message.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health  
Section 131  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

131.

Written [or], telegraphic, RECORDED TELEPHONIC, OR OTHER RECORDED MESSAGE OF consent for a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy to conduct a postmortem examination of the body of a deceased person shall be deemed sufficient when given by whichever one of the following assumes custody of the body for purposes of burial: Father, mother, husband, wife, child, guardian, next of kin, or in absence of any of the foregoing, a person who assumes the duty of legal disposal of the body. If two or more of these persons assume custody of the body, consent of one of them shall be deemed sufficient.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

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