

**CHAPTER 223**

**(Senate Bill 236)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health - Advance Directives - Registry - Drivers' Licenses and Identification Cards**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish an advance directive registry in the Department; authorizing the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Secretary to establish certain fees by regulation; limiting the fees to a certain amount; authorizing the Department to obtain services by contract; requiring the Department to be responsible for the registry; requiring the Department to carry out certain educational and outreach efforts; allowing the registration of advance directives; requiring a certain database; requiring registrants to provide certain information; providing certain immunity to health care practitioners; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to provide for a method by which an individual, on request, may have a notation placed on the individual's driver's license or identification card indicating that the individual has made an advance directive; providing for the removal of the notation from the driver's license or identification card on written request; requiring a health care provider to ~~assist a registrant to notify the Department~~ provide certain information to certain registrants under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary to designate certain individuals who may access the registry database; requiring the Secretary to adopt regulations relating to registry access; authorizing the Department to perform evaluations of the registry; providing for a delayed effective date; defining certain terms; requiring the Department to consult with certain stakeholders in implementing an Advance Directives Registry; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to advance directives.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - Health - General  
Section 5-601(a) and (b) and 5-615  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article - Health - General  
The part designation "Part I. Advance Directives" to immediately precede Section 5-601; and 5-619 through 5-626, inclusive, to be under the new part "Part II. Advance Directive Registry"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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