

SECTION ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.

CHAPTER 590

(Senate Bill 566)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Facility Visitation and Medical Decisions - Domestic Partners

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health care facilities to allow domestic partners and certain relatives of domestic partners to visit a domestic partner except under certain circumstances; requiring two adults to be treated as domestic partners under certain circumstances related to medical emergencies; providing that a health care agent retains certain authority to make certain decisions notwithstanding certain provisions of law; providing that an individual who asserts a domestic partnership may be required to provide certain proof; prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from denying a domestic partner the right to inspect a record to permit a disinterment or reinterment of a body; authorizing a domestic partner to give consent to conduct a postmortem examination of a certain body; authorizing a domestic partner to arrange for the final disposition of the body of a decedent under certain circumstances; authorizing a domestic partner to make the health care decisions for a certain person; authorizing a domestic partner of a certain patient to petition a court to enjoin the actions of a certain health care provider; authorizing a domestic partner to accompany an individual being transported from one health care facility to another health care facility under certain circumstances; establishing that a domestic partner may be a representative of a deceased from whom a hospital is asking for authorization for a human organ donation; prohibiting a hospital from billing a domestic partner for the costs associated with the deceased domestic partner's organ donation; requiring that domestic partners be given the opportunity to share a room in a certain facility under certain circumstances; requiring certain related institutions to allow a resident who is a party to a domestic partnership to have privacy during a visit by the other domestic partner; authorizing a domestic partner of a resident of a facility to file a certain complaint; authorizing a domestic partner to arrange the final disposition of the body of a decedent with a mortician under certain circumstances; establishing that for purposes of an interest in the property of a