

shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

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CHAPTER 773

(House Bill 488)

AN ACT concerning

Cremation

FOR the purpose of providing for delegation of authority for identification of a corpse and authorization for cremation under certain conditions.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health  
Section 367A(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 367A(d) be and it is hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

367A.

(D) IF THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE CREMATION ARRANGEMENTS IS NOT AVAILABLE EITHER TO IDENTIFY THE CORPSE OR AUTHORIZE THE CREMATION, THE AUTHORITY MAY BE DELEGATED TO ANOTHER PERSON ~~FOR IDENTIFICATION AND A TELEGRAM AUTHORIZING CREMATION MAY BE FORWARDED BY THE PERSON DELEGATED~~ BY TELEGRAM, BEARING THAT PERSON'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED. WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION SHALL FOLLOW BY MAIL, BUT THE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE TELEGRAM AUTHORIZING THE IDENTIFICATION AND CREMATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

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