

as a concise reference to a license issued under this subtitle.

Defined terms: "Hospice" § 19-901
"Secretary" § 1-101

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: Former Article 43, § 950(c), which defined "Secretary", is deleted as unnecessary in light of the definition of that term in § 1-101 of this article.

19-902. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE:

(1) TO SIMPLIFY AND CLARIFY THE LAWS THAT GOVERN THE USE OF A HOSPICE BY INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT;

(2) TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOSPICES;
AND

(3) TO ENSURE THE QUALITY OF THESE HOSPICES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 951.

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19-903. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HOSPICE REIMBURSEMENT STUDY COMMISSION, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) CONTENTS.

(1) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL SET QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEDICAL DIRECTORS OF HOSPICES.

(2) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE:

(I) THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR TO BE A PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE;

(II) THE DIETARY, NURSING, PASTORAL CARE, PHARMACEUTICAL, AND SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES TO BE ADEQUATE;
AND

(III) A PHYSICIAN OTHER THAN AN ATTENDING PHYSICIAN TO BE ON CALL AND AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES.