

## SUBTITLE 3. KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM.

## 13-301. "COMMISSION" DEFINED.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, "COMMISSION" MEANS THE STATE COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the parenthetical phrase in the first sentence of former Article 43, § 782(b).

## 13-302. FINDINGS; RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE.

## (A) FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS AND TRAGIC PROBLEMS FACING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE IS THE DEATH OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS STATE EACH YEAR FROM CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE, WHEN THE PRESENT STATE OF MEDICAL ART AND TECHNOLOGY COULD RETURN THESE INDIVIDUALS TO A SOCIALLY PRODUCTIVE LIFE;

(2) ADVANCES AND DISCOVERIES IN THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE NOW ALLOW NOT MERE SURVIVAL, BUT REHABILITATION TO NORMAL OCCUPATIONS AND ACTIVITIES; AND

(3) WITHOUT THE KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THESE PEOPLE WOULD DIE BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO PAY FOR THE EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT AND CARE THAT THEY NEED.

## (B) RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE.

(1) THIS STATE RECOGNIZES ITS RESPONSIBILITIES:

(I) TO ALLOW ITS CITIZENS TO KEEP THEIR HEALTH WITHOUT BEING MADE PAUPERS; AND

(II) TO USE ITS RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION TO AID IN GATHERING AND GIVING OUT INFORMATION ON THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE.

(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEEKS TO MEET THESE RESPONSIBILITIES BY MAKING THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE EASILY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE EDUCATION, TREATMENT, AND REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THUS, LOWERING THE COST OF THIS TREATMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 43, § 781.