

Article – Health – General
Section 5–618
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 12–303.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

PART I. ADVANCE DIRECTIVES.

5–601.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Advance directive” means:

(1) A witnessed written document, voluntarily executed by the declarant in accordance with the requirements of this subtitle; or

(2) A witnessed oral statement, made by the declarant in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle.

5–615.

(a) In this section, “health care facility” has the meaning stated in § 19–114 of this article.

(b) Each health care facility shall provide each individual on admittance to the facility information concerning the rights of the individual to make decisions concerning health care, including the right to accept or refuse treatment, and the right to make an advance directive, including a living will.

(c) (1) The Department, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, shall develop an information sheet that provides information relating to advance directives, which shall include:

(i) Written statements informing an individual that an advance directive:

1. Is a useful, legal, and well established way for an individual to direct medical care;