

Article - Transportation

12-303.1.

(a) In this section, "advance directive" has the meaning stated in § 5-601 of the Health - General Article.

(b) The Administration shall provide for a method by which an applicant for a driver's license or identification card shall be made aware of, and informed how to obtain, the advance directive information sheet developed under § 5-615 of the Health - General Article.

(C) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE A METHOD BY WHICH A NOTATION INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE MAY BE PLACED ON THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD.

(2) THE NOTATION SHALL BE ADDED ONLY ON WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT.

(3) THE NOTATION MAY BE REMOVED AT ANY TIME ON WRITTEN REQUEST.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, shall adopt regulations providing for a review of the compliance with advance directives by certain licensed health care facilities.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with stakeholders that include the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, the Maryland State Police, the Maryland Emergency Institute for Emergency Management Medical Services Systems, the Motor Vehicle Administration, and other interested parties, shall adopt regulations to implement an Advance Directives Registry including education and outreach programs.

SECTION 3. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter 522 (S.B. 369/H.B. 592) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006, and if Chapter 522 does not become effective, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

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