

BY repealing

Article – Health – General

Section 5–603

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 5–605(a)(1) and (2) and ~~5–606(a)~~

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5–603 of the Health – General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

5–603.

**MARYLAND ADVANCE DIRECTIVE:
PLANNING FOR FUTURE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS**

BY: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
(PRINT NAME) (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)

USING THIS ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FORM TO DO HEALTH CARE PLANNING IS COMPLETELY OPTIONAL. OTHER FORMS ARE ALSO VALID IN MARYLAND. NO MATTER WHAT FORM YOU USE, TALK TO YOUR FAMILY AND OTHERS CLOSE TO YOU ABOUT YOUR WISHES.

THIS FORM HAS TWO PARTS TO STATE YOUR WISHES, AND A THIRD PART FOR NEEDED SIGNATURES. PART I OF THIS FORM LETS YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION: IF YOU CANNOT (OR DO NOT WANT TO) MAKE YOUR OWN HEALTH CARE DECISIONS, WHO DO YOU WANT TO MAKE THEM FOR YOU? THE PERSON YOU PICK IS CALLED YOUR HEALTH CARE AGENT. **MAKE SURE YOU TALK TO YOUR HEALTH CARE AGENT (AND ANY BACK-UP AGENTS) ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT ROLE.** PART II LETS YOU WRITE YOUR PREFERENCES ABOUT EFFORTS TO EXTEND YOUR LIFE IN THREE SITUATIONS: TERMINAL CONDITION, PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE, AND END-STAGE CONDITION. IN ADDITION TO YOUR HEALTH CARE PLANNING