

~~who are also married to each other in another state may not be considered to be certain evidence, knowledge, awareness, or admission; providing that this Act may not be construed to recognize, condone, or prohibit a domestic partnership, civil union, or marriage recognized in other states or jurisdictions; providing that a health care agent retains certain authority to make certain decisions notwithstanding certain provisions of law;~~ prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from denying a domestic life partner the right to inspect a record to permit a disinterment or reinterment of a body; authorizing a domestic life partner to give consent to conduct a postmortem examination of a certain body; authorizing the domestic life partner to arrange for the final disposition of the body of a decedent under certain circumstances; authorizing a domestic life partner to make the health care decisions for certain persons; authorizing a domestic life partner of a certain patient to petition a court to enjoin the actions of a certain ~~treating~~ health care provider; authorizing a domestic life partner to accompany an individual being transported from one health care facility to another health care facility ~~in~~ under certain circumstances; establishing that a domestic life partner may be a representative of a deceased from whom a hospital ~~is asking a~~ may ask for authorization for a human organ donation; prohibiting a hospital from billing a domestic life partner for the costs associated with the deceased domestic life partner's organ donation; requiring that domestic life partners be given the opportunity to share a room in a certain ~~faculty~~ facility under certain circumstances; requiring certain related institutions to allow a resident who is a party to a domestic life partnership to have privacy during a visit by the other domestic life partner; authorizing the domestic life partner to arrange the final disposition of the body of a decedent with a mortician under certain circumstances; establishing that for purposes of an interest in the property of a burial site, a domestic life partner is a person in interest; establishing that a domestic life partner is a next of kin for purposes of making anatomical gifts of a decedent; defining certain terms; making the provisions of this Act severable; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to the Medical Decision Making Act of 2005.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 6-101 through ~~6-501 6-401 6-402~~ to be under the new title “Title 6.  
Domestic Life Partnerships”

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 1-101, 4-215(e), 5-501(b), 5-509(c), 5-605(a)(2), 5-612, 10-807(e),  
19-310(d) and (g), and 19-344(h), (k), and (q)(1)

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