

~~6-402.~~

~~(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO TWO ADULTS WHO QUALIFY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BUT ARE NOT REGISTERED.~~

~~(B) IN THE CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, TWO ADULTS SHALL BE TREATED AS DOMESTIC PARTNERS IF ONE OF THE ADULTS TELLS, IN GOOD FAITH, THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDER OR HOSPITAL PERSONNEL THAT THE ADULTS ARE IN A MUTUALLY INTERDEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES ONLY:~~

~~(1) ALLOWING ONE ADULT TO ACCOMPANY THE ILL OR INJURED ADULT BEING TRANSPORTED TO A HOSPITAL IN AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND~~

~~(2) VISITATION WITH THE ILL OR INJURED ADULT ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS ON THE SAME BASIS AS A MEMBER OF THE ILL OR INJURED ADULT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY.~~

~~SUBTITLE 5. DOMESTIC PARTNER'S RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.~~

~~6-501.~~

~~(A) THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF A DOMESTIC PARTNER AS A RESULT OF REGISTERING A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP ARE ONLY THOSE DESCRIBED IN THIS TITLE.~~

~~(B) A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP OR CIVIL UNION ENTERED INTO OUTSIDE THIS STATE, THAT IS VALID UNDER THE LAWS OF THE JURISDICTION UNDER WHICH THE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP OR CIVIL UNION WAS ENTERED INTO, SHALL BE TREATED AS A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP IN THIS STATE.~~

~~(C) THE REGISTRATION OF A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BY TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ALSO MARRIED TO EACH OTHER IN ANOTHER STATE MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AWARENESS, OR AN ADMISSION THAT THE DOMESTIC PARTNERS ARE NOT LAWFULLY MARRIED.~~

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

Article - Health - General

1-101.

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

(b) "County" means a county of this State and, unless expressly provided otherwise, Baltimore City.

(c) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

~~(D) "DOMESTIC PARTNER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS REGISTERED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SECRETARY UNDER TITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~