

TITLE 6. LIFE PARTNERSHIPS.

SUBTITLE 1. DEFINITIONS.

6-101.

(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CERTIFICATE OF LIFE PARTNERSHIP" MEANS A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY ESTABLISHING A LIFE PARTNERSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE LIFE PARTNERS TO CLAIM THE BENEFITS OF A LIFE PARTNERSHIP.

(C) (1) "COMMON RESIDENCE" MEANS THE SHARED PLACE WHERE BOTH LIFE PARTNERS LIVE.

(2) "COMMON RESIDENCE" INCLUDES THE SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM TEMPORARY LEAVING OF THE COMMON RESIDENCE BY ONE LIFE PARTNER WITH THE INTENT TO RETURN TO THE COMMON RESIDENCE.

(3) "COMMON RESIDENCE" DOES NOT MEAN THAT:

(I) BOTH LIFE PARTNERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO LEGAL POSSESSION OF THE COMMON RESIDENCE; OR

(II) A LIFE PARTNER MAY NOT HAVE AN ADDITIONAL RESIDENCE.

(D) (1) "MUTUAL INTERDEPENDENCE" MEANS THAT EACH LIFE PARTNER IN A RELATIONSHIP CONTRIBUTES TO THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE OTHER LIFE PARTNER AND THE RELATIONSHIP.

(2) "MUTUAL INTERDEPENDENCE" DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE LIFE PARTNERS ARE REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE EQUALLY TO THE RELATIONSHIP.

SUBTITLE 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND REGISTRATION OF LIFE PARTNERSHIPS.

6-201.

(A) A LIFE PARTNERSHIP IS NOT ESTABLISHED AND AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT CLAIM THE BENEFITS OF A LIFE PARTNERSHIP UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF LIFE PARTNERSHIP BY THE SECRETARY.

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$100.

6-202.

(A) TO QUALIFY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LIFE PARTNERSHIP, A REGISTRANT SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(B) A REGISTRANT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION IF:

(1) EACH INDIVIDUAL IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;

(2) THE INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT RELATED TO THE OTHER BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE WITHIN FOUR DEGREES OF CONSANGUINITY UNDER THE CIVIL LAW RULE;