

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

20-107.

(a) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) {In this section, "disabled} "DISABLED individual" means an individual who lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate a responsible decision on health care for the individual because of:

[(1)] (I) A physical disability;

[(2)] (II) ~~Habitual-drunkenness~~ CHRONIC ALCOHOLISM;

[(3)] (III) Drug addiction;

[(4)] (IV) A disease; or

[(5)] (V) A mental disability, including senility.

(3) "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS LICENSED OR AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE 1 OR MORE HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE STATE:

(I) A CHIROPRACTOR.

(II) A DENTIST.

(III) A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE.

(IV) AN OPTOMETRIST.

(V) AN OSTEOPATH.

(VI) A PHYSICAL THERAPIST.

(VII) A PHYSICIAN.

(VIII) A PODIATRIST.

(IX) A REGISTERED NURSE.

~~(X) -- A HOSPITAL~~

~~(XI) -- A RELATED INSTITUTION~~

(X) A HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE.