(1)   ARE CUMULATIVE AND MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO IMPAIR OR SUPERSEDE ANY LEGAL RIGHT OR RESPONSIBILITY THAT ANY PERSON MAY HAVE TO EFFECT THE INITIATION, CONTINUATION, WITHHOLDING, OR WITHDRAWAL OF LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES;

(2)   DO NOT CREATE A PRESUMPTION CONCERNING THE INTENTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IN A TERMINAL CONDITION AND WHO HAS NOT EXECUTED A DECLARATION REGARDING THE ~~USE~~ INITIATION, CONTINUATION, WITHHOLDING, OR WITHDRAWAL OF LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES; AND

(3)   MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PERMIT ANY AFFIRMATIVE OR DELIBERATE ACT OR OMISSION TO END LIFE OTHER THAN TO PERMIT THE WITHHOLDING OR WITHDRAWING OF LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES FROM A DECLARANT IN A TERMINAL CONDITION.

5-611.

AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS QUALIFIED TO MAKE A WILL UNDER § 4-101 OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS ARTICLE, IN LIEU OF A DECLARATION DIRECTING THE WITHHOLDING OR WITHDRAWAL OF LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES, MAY EXECUTE A DECLARATION DIRECTING THE INITIATION OR CONTINUATION OF LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD MEDICAL PRACTICE.

5-612.

(A)   IF AN INDIVIDUAL VALIDLY EXECUTES MORE THAN 1 DECLARATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, ONLY THE LAST EXECUTED DECLARATION SHALL BE GIVEN EFFECT.

(B)   A DECLARATION THAT IS EXECUTED OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE BY A NONRESIDENT SHALL BE GIVEN EFFECT IN THIS STATE IF THAT DECLARATION IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

5-613.

AN ACT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT, FOR ANY PURPOSE, BE CONSIDERED TO BE A SUICIDE OR A VIOLATION OF ANY CRIMINAL LAW OR STANDARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

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~~ANY PERSON WHO FORGES A DECLARATION, OR WHO WILLFULLY CONCEALS OR WITHHOLDS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE REVOCATION OF A DECLARATION, AND THEREBY CAUSES THE WITHHOLDING OR WITHDRAWING OF LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES FROM AN INDIVIDUAL, CONTRARY TO THE WISHES OF AND WITH THE INTENT TO HASTEN THE DEATH OF THE INDIVIDUAL, IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27, §§ 12, 387, 407, 411, 412, 413, AND 414 OF THE CODE AND THE PENALTIES THERE AUTHORIZED.~~

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