

(c) Except as provided in [§] §§ 5-313 AND 5-313.1 of this subtitle, the court may grant a decree awarding guardianship only:

(1) after any investigation and hearing the court considers necessary; and

(2) with the consent of each living natural parent of the child.

(d) In a proceeding for guardianship, consent may be revoked at any time before a final decree of guardianship.

(e) A decree of guardianship:

(1) terminates the natural parents' rights, duties, and obligations toward the child;

(2) subject to § 5-319 of this subtitle, eliminates the need to give notice to the natural parents of the filing of a petition for adoption of the child; and

(3) eliminates the need for a further consent by the natural parents to an adoption of the child.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.

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CHAPTER 749

(House Bill 845)

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals - Patient Care Advisory Committees

FOR the purpose of requiring each hospital to establish a patient care advisory committee; providing for the membership of the patient care advisory committees; defining terms; imposing certain duties and responsibilities on patient care advisory committees; requiring advisory committees to consult certain persons in the course of deliberating; requiring advisory committees to notify certain individuals of certain rights; authorizing advisory committees to give certain advice in cases involving patients with life threatening conditions; providing immunity from liability for members of advisory committees for advice given; providing for the confidentiality of the patient care advisory committee's deliberations; providing for a delayed effective date; and