

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

Article - Health - General

5-602.

(c) (1) The declaration shall be substantially in the following form:

"DECLARATION

ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ (MONTH, YEAR), I, \_\_\_\_\_ BEING OF SOUND MIND, WILLFULLY AND VOLUNTARILY DIRECT THAT MY DYING SHALL NOT BE ARTIFICIALLY PROLONGED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES SET FORTH IN THIS DECLARATION:

If at any time I should have an incurable injury, disease, or illness certified to be a terminal condition by two (2) physicians who have personally examined me, one (1) of whom shall be my attending physician, and the physicians have determined that my death is imminent and will occur whether or not life-sustaining procedures are utilized and where the application of such procedures would serve only to artificially prolong the dying process, I direct that such procedures be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication, the administration of food and water, and the performance of any medical procedure that is necessary to provide comfort care or alleviate pain. In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of such life-sustaining procedures, it is my intention that this declaration shall be honored by my family and physician(s) as the final expression of my right to control my medical care and treatment.

[Declaration made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month, year). I, \_\_\_\_\_, being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily direct that my dying shall not be artificially prolonged under the circumstances set forth in this declaration:]

I am legally competent to make this declaration, and I understand its full import.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Under penalty of perjury, we state that this declaration was signed by \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of the