

~~authority of a court to adjudicate certain petitions for limited guardianship; establishing certain requirements when a guardianship proceeding involves an issue related to life-sustaining procedures; allowing certain evidence to be admitted into court in certain circumstances; establishing certain immunity for certain persons under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain persons from requiring individuals to execute a power of attorney for health care decisions under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain acts by life insurers; stating certain rules of construction; establishing certain penalties; defining certain terms; repealing certain provisions of law concerning health care decision-making; making provisions of this Act severable; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to methods of health care decision-making, advance medical directives, surrogate decision making for incapacitated individuals, decision-making regarding life-sustaining procedures in guardianship cases, and the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures providing that certain individuals may make an advance directive appointing a health care agent or authorizing the providing, withholding, or withdrawing of health care, including life-sustaining procedures; providing that an advance directive may be written or oral; providing optional forms for an advance directive and living will; providing for the revocation of an advance directive; providing for surrogate decision makers in certain circumstances; providing standards for health care agents and surrogate decision makers; authorizing certain emergency medical services personnel to follow certain "do not resuscitate" orders under certain circumstances; providing for the transfer of patients among health care providers in certain circumstances; authorizing treatment without consent under certain circumstances; requiring a health care provider to petition a court or patient care advisory committee under certain circumstances; providing immunity from liability for certain actions; prohibiting certain actions by life insurers; providing for certain expedited proceedings under certain circumstances; providing certain penalties; providing that certain provisions of law governing durable powers of attorney do not apply to certain advance directives; establishing certain standards and procedures for certain determinations by a court regarding life-sustaining procedures for a person under guardianship; providing for the effect and construction of this Act; establishing certain duties of health care providers under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to health care decision making by a patient, or a patient's agent or surrogate.~~

BY repealing

Article - Health - General

Section ~~5-601, 5-603, 5-606, 5-608, 5-609, 5-613,~~ through 5-614, and the subtitle "Subtitle 6. Life-Sustaining Procedures"; and 20-107

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(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section ~~20A-101 5-601~~ through ~~20A-405 5-617 5-618,~~ inclusive, and ~~20A-413~~ through ~~20A-505,~~ inclusive, to be under the new title "Title 20A, subtitle