

~~(2) IN THE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT OF BOTH PHYSICIANS, THE PROVISION OF THE LIFE SUSTAINING PROCEDURE WOULD BE INHUMANE.~~

~~(B) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY NOT WITHHOLD OR WITHDRAW A LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURE FROM AN INDIVIDUAL BASED ON THE CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IF PROVISION OF THE LIFE SUSTAINING PROCEDURE HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO CONSENT TO THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE TO THE INDIVIDUAL.~~

~~20A-204. MEDICALLY INEFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE.~~

~~(A) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY WITHHOLD OR WITHDRAW HEALTH CARE FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT CONSENT IF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OF THE INDIVIDUAL:~~

~~(1) REASONABLY DETERMINES THAT THE HEALTH CARE WILL BE MEDICALLY INEFFECTIVE;~~

~~(2) CERTIFIES THAT DETERMINATION; AND~~

~~(3) (I) INFORMS THE INDIVIDUAL OF THE DETERMINATION, IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS COMPETENT; OR~~

~~(II) INFORMS A PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO CONSENT TO THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE OF THE DETERMINATION, IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT COMPETENT.~~

~~(B) A PHYSICIAN MAY NOT DETERMINE THAT HEALTH CARE IS MEDICALLY INEFFECTIVE FOR THE SOLE REASON THAT AN INDIVIDUAL:~~

~~(1) HAS A MENTAL DISORDER;~~

~~(2) HAS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY;~~

~~(3) IS ELDERLY; OR~~

~~(4) IS AN ALCOHOLIC OR DRUG ABUSER.~~

~~20A-205. COMFORT OF AN INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL.~~

~~NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHALL PROVIDE HEALTH CARE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THE COMFORT OF AN INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE RELIEF FOR PAIN OR DISCOMFORT.~~

~~20A-206. FOOD AND WATER BY MOUTH; FEEDING TUBES.~~

~~(A) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH FOOD AND WATER BY MOUTH AND TO ASSIST THE INDIVIDUAL AS NEEDED TO EAT AND DRINK VOLUNTARILY.~~

~~(B) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY NOT INSERT A FEEDING TUBE UNLESS THE FEEDING TUBE IS MEDICALLY NECESSARY.~~