

(2) LIABILITY FOR THE COST OF TREATMENT SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THAT AUTHORIZATION.

(C) GOOD FAITH. — (1) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY UNLESS IT IS SHOWN BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON AUTHORIZING OR EFFECTUATING THE WITHHOLDING OR ~~WITHDRAWING~~ WITHDRAWAL OF ~~LIFE-PROLONGING~~ LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE DID NOT, IN GOOD FAITH, COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE DISTRIBUTION TO PATIENTS OF WRITTEN ADVANCE DIRECTIVES IN A FORM PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE AND ASSISTANCE TO PATIENTS IN THE COMPLETION AND EXECUTION OF SUCH FORMS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW.

(D) PRESUMPTIONS. — AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN MADE VOLUNTARILY BY A COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROVIDING, WITHHOLDING, OR ~~WITHDRAWING~~ WITHDRAWAL OF ~~LIFE-PROLONGING~~ LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN GOOD FAITH.

~~5-608. 5-609. 5-610.~~ WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, CONCEALMENT, DAMAGE, ETC., OF DECLARATION OR REVOCATION; PENALTIES.

(A) ANY PERSON WHO WILLFULLY CONCEALS, CANCELS, DEFACES, OBLITERATES, OR DAMAGES THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE OF ANOTHER WITHOUT THE DECLARANT'S OR PATIENT'S CONSENT OR WHO FALSIFIES OR FORGES A REVOCATION OF THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE OF ANOTHER, THEREBY CAUSING ~~LIFE-PROLONGING~~ LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES TO BE UTILIZED IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED INTENT OF THE PATIENT, SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$1,000~~ \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

(B) ANY PERSON WHO FALSIFIES OR FORGES THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE OF ANOTHER, OR FALSIFIES OR FORGES AN AFFIDAVIT UNDER § 5-605 OF THIS SUBTITLE, OR WILLFULLY CONCEALS OR WITHHOLDS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE REVOCATION OF AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WITH THE INTENT TO CAUSE A WITHHOLDING OR ~~WITHDRAWING~~ WITHDRAWAL OF ~~LIFE-PROLONGING~~ LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES, CONTRARY TO THE WISHES OF THE DECLARANT AND THEREBY, BECAUSE OF SUCH ACT, DIRECTLY CAUSES ~~LIFE-PROLONGING~~ LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES TO BE WITHHELD OR WITHDRAWN AND DEATH TO BE HASTENED, SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$1,000~~ \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

(C) THE PENALTIES PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES PROVIDED BY LAW.

~~5-609. 5-610. 5-611.~~ MEDICALLY UNNECESSARY INEFFECTIVE TREATMENT NOT REQUIRED; MERCY KILLING OR EUTHANASIA PROHIBITED.