

- ~~(1) THE SPOUSE OF THE DECEDENT, IF ONE SURVIVES;~~
- ~~(2) AN ADULT CHILD OF THE DECEDENT;~~
- ~~(3) A PARENT OF THE DECEDENT;~~
- ~~(4) AN ADULT BROTHER OR SISTER OF THE DECEDENT;~~
- ~~(5) A PERSON ACTING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEDENT UNDER A SIGNED AUTHORIZATION OF THE DECEDENT;~~
- ~~(6) THE GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF THE DECEDENT AT THE TIME OF THE DECEDENT'S DEATH, IF ONE HAS BEEN APPOINTED; OR~~
- ~~(7) IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY PERSON UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) THROUGH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ANY OTHER PERSON WILLING TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZING AGENT FOR PURPOSES OF ARRANGING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE DECEDENT'S BODY.~~

~~(D) A PERSON MAY NOT SERVE OR BE ALLOWED TO SERVE AS AN AUTHORIZING AGENT UNDER THIS SECTION WHEN A DECEDENT HAS LEFT INSTRUCTIONS IN A DOCUMENT EXECUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION THAT THE DECEDENT DOES NOT WISH TO BE CREMATED.~~

~~(E) (1) IF A DECEDENT HAS MORE THAN ONE SURVIVING ADULT CHILD, ANY ADULT CHILD, WHO CONFIRMS IN WRITING TO A FUNERAL DIRECTOR THAT ALL OF THE OTHER ADULT CHILDREN HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED, MAY SERVE AS THE AUTHORIZING AGENT UNLESS THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR RECEIVES A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE CREMATION FROM ANOTHER ADULT CHILD OF THE DECEDENT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE AUTHORIZATION.~~

~~(2) IF THE DECEDENT IS SURVIVED BY BOTH PARENTS, EITHER PARENT MAY SERVE AS THE AUTHORIZING AGENT UNLESS A FUNERAL DIRECTOR RECEIVES NOTICE OF AN OBJECTION TO THE CREMATION FROM THE OTHER PARENT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE AUTHORIZATION.~~

~~(3) IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE PERSON WITHIN THE SAME CLASS OF PERSONS FIRST ENTITLED TO MAKE THE DISPOSITION, ANY PERSON IN THAT CLASS MAY SERVE AS THE AUTHORIZING AGENT FOR PURPOSES OF § 5-502 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(F) IN THE CASE OF AN INDIGENT OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHOSE FINAL DISPOSITION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS INSTRUMENTALITIES, A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, MEDICAL EXAMINER, CORONER, STATE APPOINTED GUARDIAN, OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH ARRANGING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE DECEDENT MAY SERVE AS THE AUTHORIZING AGENT FOR PURPOSES OF § 5-502 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(G) IN THE CASE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DONATED THEIR BODIES TO MEDICAL SCIENCE OR WHOSE DEATH OCCURRED IN A NURSING HOME OR OTHER PRIVATE INSTITUTION, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION TO WHICH THE~~