

arrangements for the final disposition of decedent's body from authorizing cremation if the decedent left certain instructions; and generally relating to disposition of decedent's body.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 5-502.2(f) and 5-502.5

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

5-502.2.

(f) In the case of an individual who has donated the individual's body to medical science or whose death occurred in a nursing home or other private institution, a representative of the institution to which the body was donated or in which the decedent died [may serve as the authorizing agent] SHALL AUTHORIZE CREMATION if the decedent executed cremating authorization forms and the institution is charged with making arrangements for the final disposition of the body.

5-502.5.

(a) A practitioner or an operator of a crematory may not require an authorizing agent to obtain appointment as personal representative of the decedent's estate as a condition precedent to making final arrangements or authorizing cremation of a decedent.

(b) A person [may not serve as an authorizing agent] MAY NOT AUTHORIZE CREMATION when a decedent has left instructions in a document that the decedent does not wish to be cremated.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

Approved May 18, 1995.

CHAPTER 380

(Senate Bill 329)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Pharmacy - Pharmacist Rehabilitation Committee - Funding

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Pharmacy to allocate moneys from the State Board of Pharmacy Fund to a pharmacist rehabilitation committee in