

(ii) If the advance directive is oral, make the [fact] SUBSTANCE of the advance directive, including the date the advance directive was made and the name of the attending physician, a part of the declarant's medical records.

(g) It shall be the responsibility of the declarant to notify a health care agent that the agent has been named in an advance directive to act on the declarant's behalf.

(h) Unless otherwise provided in the patient's advance directive, a patient's agent shall act in accordance with the provisions of § 5-605(c) of this subtitle.

(i) The absence of an advance directive creates no presumption as to the patient's intent to consent to or refuse life-sustaining procedures.

5-604.

(A) An advance directive may be revoked at any time by a declarant by a signed and dated writing, by physical cancellation or destruction, by an oral statement to a health care practitioner or by the execution of a subsequent directive.

~~(B) WHEN AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE IS REVOKED ORALLY, THE CONTENTS OF THE ORIGINAL WRITTEN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE OR THE SUBSTANCE OF AN ORAL ADVANCE DIRECTIVE SHALL BE REVIEWED AND REVOKED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN AND A WITNESS, BOTH OF WHOM SHALL SIGN AND DATE A WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE ORAL REVOCATION AND ADD THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE DECLARANT'S MEDICAL RECORD IF A DECLARANT REVOKES AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE BY AN ORAL STATEMENT TO A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER, THE PRACTITIONER AND A WITNESS TO THE ORAL REVOCATION SHALL DOCUMENT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ORAL REVOCATION IN THE DECLARANT'S MEDICAL RECORD.~~

(C) It shall be the responsibility of the declarant, to the extent reasonably possible, to notify any person to whom the declarant has provided a copy of the directive.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 554

(Senate Bill 693)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Social Workers Act - Revision

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of and method of appointing the State Board of Social Work Examiners; altering the term of the chairman and secretary of the Board; requiring the Board to appoint an executive director;