

Article - Health - General

5-605.

(a) (2) The following individuals or groups, in the specified order of priority, may make decisions about health care for a person who has been certified to be incapable of making an informed decision and who has not appointed a health care agent in accordance with this subtitle. Individuals in a particular class may be consulted to make a decision only if all individuals in the next higher class are unavailable:

- (i) A guardian for the patient, if one has been appointed;
- (ii) The patient's spouse;
- (iii) An adult child of the patient;
- (iv) A parent of the patient;
- (v) An adult brother or sister of the patient; or

(vi) A friend or other relative of the patient who meets the requirements of paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(3) A friend or other relative may make decisions about health care for a patient under paragraph (2) of this subsection if the person:

- (i) Is a competent individual; and
- (ii) Presents an affidavit to the attending physician stating:

- 1. That the person is a relative or close friend of the patient;

and

2. Specific facts and circumstances demonstrating that the person has maintained regular contact with the patient sufficient to be familiar with the patient's activities, health, and personal beliefs.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 190**(House Bill 129)**

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Sheriff - Salary

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