

substituted for the former reference to an emergency medical services provider "as defined in" this provision for clarity.

(C) SUICIDE.

"SUICIDE" MEANS THE ACT OR INSTANCE IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL INTENTIONALLY TAKES THE INDIVIDUAL'S OWN LIFE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 416(a)(3).

The references to "an individual" are added for clarity.

3-102. ASSISTING ANOTHER TO COMMIT OR ATTEMPT SUICIDE.

WITH THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO COMMIT OR ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT:

(1) BY COERCION, DURESS, OR DECEPTION, KNOWINGLY CAUSE ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO COMMIT SUICIDE OR ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE;

(2) KNOWINGLY PROVIDE THE PHYSICAL MEANS BY WHICH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL COMMITS OR ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT SUICIDE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S INTENT TO USE THE PHYSICAL MEANS TO COMMIT SUICIDE; OR

(3) KNOWINGLY PARTICIPATE IN A PHYSICAL ACT BY WHICH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL COMMITS OR ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 416(b).

Throughout this section, the references to an "individual" are substituted for the former references to a "person" for clarity, since only "natural" persons may commit suicide; other types of persons - corporations, partnerships, etc. - do not have the physical ability to commit suicide.

Defined term: "Suicide" § 3-101

3-103. EXCEPTIONS.

(A) PALLIATIVE CARE — PAIN RELIEF.

A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL DOES NOT VIOLATE § 3-102 OF THIS SUBTITLE BY ADMINISTERING OR PRESCRIBING A PROCEDURE OR ADMINISTERING, PRESCRIBING, OR DISPENSING A MEDICATION TO RELIEVE PAIN, EVEN IF THE MEDICATION OR PROCEDURE MAY HASTEN DEATH OR INCREASE THE RISK OF DEATH, UNLESS THE LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL KNOWINGLY ADMINISTERS OR PRESCRIBES THE PROCEDURE OR ADMINISTERS, PRESCRIBES, OR DISPENSES THE MEDICATION TO CAUSE DEATH.

(B) LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES.