

*voluntary*; requiring the form to be consistent with certain health care decisions of certain individuals; providing that the form may be completed by a health care provider under certain supervision; requiring the form to be signed by a certain health care provider ~~and to contain a certain statement~~ *under certain circumstances, to be signed by certain individuals, to include certain contact information, to be dated, to contain certain statements, and to designate under which conditions the form shall be reviewed or modified*; requiring a health care provider to ~~comply with the form~~; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to print and distribute the form; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General and certain other groups, to ~~adopt certain regulations; requiring the Office of the Attorney General, in consultation with certain groups, to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date review the forms as part of a certain process; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to consult with certain entities in developing the form; requiring certain facilities to offer certain individuals the opportunity to prepare the form~~; and generally relating to the ~~“Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment~~ *Patient’s Plan of Care*” form.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 4-301(a) and (g), 5-608(a), and 5-609

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 5-602

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 5-608.1 *and* 19-344(f)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

**Article – Health – General**

4-301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(g) (1) “Medical record” means any oral, written, or other transmission in any form or medium of information that:

(i) Is entered in the record of a patient or recipient;