

not been exercised, and nothing contained in this Act may be construed to impair, in any way, the validity of any bonds that may have been issued by the County under the authority of any said Acts, and the validity of the bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of St. Mary's County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.

CHAPTER 79

(House Bill 510)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Decisions Act – Advance Directives – Electronic Documents and Electronic Signatures

FOR the purpose of establishing, for purposes of the Health Care Decisions Act, that an electronic signature shall have the same effect as a manual signature, if the electronic signature meets certain requirements; authorizing a competent individual to make an electronic advance directive for certain purposes; authorizing an advance directive to be revoked electronically; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; making certain conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to electronic documents and electronic signatures under the Health Care Decisions Act.

BY renumbering

Article – Health – General

Section 5–601(h) through (p) and (q), respectively

to be Section 5–601(i) through (q) and (s), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 21–101(i)