

HOUSE BILL 293

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ENROLLED BILL

— Health and Government Operations/Judicial Proceedings —

Introduced by **Delegate Morhaim**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Guardianship, of Disabled Persons and Revocation of Advance Directives, and**
3 **Surrogates ~~Disabled Persons and Mental Health Services~~**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a court to appoint a guardian of the person of a disabled
5 person for a limited period of time under certain circumstances; specifying that
6 certain rights, duties, and powers that a court may order include the duty to file a
7 certain report; ~~providing that a revocation of an advance directive for mental health~~
8 ~~services by a certain declarant is not effective until a certain period of time after the~~
9 ~~request for revocation is made by the declarant; repealing the prohibition against~~
10 ~~certain surrogate decision makers authorizing treatment for a mental disorder~~
11 ~~authorizing a certain individual declarant to waive certain rights when making an~~
12 ~~advance directive; making conforming changes;~~ and generally relating to
13 guardianship, and advance directives, ~~and surrogate decision making.~~

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Article – Estates and Trusts
 2 Section 13–708(a) and (b)
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 6 Article – Health – General
 7 Section ~~5–604 and 5–605(d)~~
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
 9 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

13 13–708.

14 (a) (1) The court may grant to a guardian of a person only those powers
 15 necessary to provide for the demonstrated need of the disabled person.

16 (2) (I) The court may appoint a guardian of the person of a disabled
 17 person for the limited purpose of making one or more decisions related to the health care
 18 of that person.

19 (II) **THE COURT MAY APPOINT A GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF**
 20 **A DISABLED PERSON FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME IF IT APPEARS PROBABLE**
 21 **THAT THE DISABILITY WILL CEASE WITHIN 1 YEAR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE**
 22 **GUARDIAN.**

23 (b) Subject to subsection (a) of this section, the rights, duties, and powers which
 24 the court may order include, but are not limited to:

25 (1) The same rights, powers, and duties that a parent has with respect to
 26 an unemancipated minor child, except that the guardian is not liable solely by reason of the
 27 guardianship to third persons for any act of the disabled person;

28 (2) The right to custody of the disabled person and to establish his place of
 29 abode within and without the State, provided there is court authorization for any change
 30 in the classification of abode, except that no one may be committed to a mental facility
 31 without an involuntary commitment proceeding as provided by law;

32 (3) The duty to provide for care, comfort, and maintenance, including
 33 social, recreational, and friendship requirements, and, if appropriate, for training and
 34 education of the disabled person;

1 (4) The duty to take reasonable care of the clothing, furniture, vehicles, and
2 other personal effects of the disabled person, and, if other property requires protection, the
3 power to commence protective proceedings;

4 (5) If a guardian of the estate of the disabled person has not been
5 appointed, the right to commence proceedings to compel performance by any person of his
6 duty to support the disabled person, and to apply the estate to the support, care, and
7 education of the disabled person, except that the guardian of the person may not obtain
8 funds from the estate for room and board that the guardian, his spouse, parent, or child
9 provide without a court order approving the charge, and the duty to exercise care to
10 conserve any excess estate for the needs of the disabled person;

11 (6) If a guardian of the estate has been appointed, the duty to control the
12 custody and care of the disabled person, to receive reasonable sums for room and board
13 provided to the disabled person, and to account to the guardian of the estate for funds
14 expended, and the right to ask the guardian of the estate to expend the estate in payment
15 of third persons for care and maintenance of the disabled person;

16 (7) The duty to file an annual **OR BIENNIAL** report with the court
17 indicating the present place of residence and health status of the ward, the guardian's plan
18 for preserving and maintaining the future well-being of the ward, and the need for
19 continuance or cessation of the guardianship or for any alteration in the powers of the
20 guardian. The court shall renew the appointment of the guardian if it is satisfied that the
21 grounds for the original appointment stated in § 13-705(b) of this subtitle continue to exist.
22 If the court believes such grounds may not exist, it shall hold a hearing, similar to that
23 provided for in § 13-705 of this subtitle, at which the guardian shall be required to prove
24 that such grounds exist. If the court does not make these findings, it shall order the
25 discontinuance of the guardianship of the person. If the guardian declines to participate in
26 the hearing, the court may appoint another guardian to replace him pursuant to the
27 priorities in § 13-707(a) of this subtitle; and

28 (8) The power to give necessary consent or approval for:

29 (i) Medical or other professional care, counsel, treatment, or service,
30 including admission to a hospital or nursing home or transfer from one medical facility to
31 another;

32 (ii) Withholding medical or other professional care, counsel,
33 treatment, or service; and

34 (iii) Withdrawing medical or other professional care, counsel,
35 treatment, or service.

36 **Article – Health – General**

37 5-604.

1 (a) (1) ~~[An] SUBJECT TO~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF
 2 THIS SUBSECTION, AN advance directive may be revoked at any time by ~~a declarant~~ THE
 3 ~~INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE~~ a declarant by a signed and dated
 4 written or electronic document, by physical cancellation or destruction, by an oral
 5 statement to a health care practitioner or by the execution of a subsequent directive.

6 ~~(2) A REVOCATION OF AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FOR MENTAL HEALTH~~
 7 ~~SERVICES BY A DECLARANT WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED INCAPABLE OF MAKING AN~~
 8 ~~INFORMED DECISION UNDER § 5-602(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL~~
 9 ~~72 HOURS AFTER THE REQUEST FOR REVOCATION IS MADE BY THE DECLARANT.~~

10 (2) A ~~COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL~~ DECLARANT, KNOWINGLY AND
 11 VOLUNTARILY, MAY ELECT IN AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE TO WAIVE THE RIGHT UNDER
 12 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO REVOKE ANY PART OR ALL OF THE
 13 ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AGENT, DURING A
 14 PERIOD IN WHICH THE ~~INDIVIDUAL~~ DECLARANT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED INCAPABLE
 15 OF MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION UNDER § 5-602(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

16 (b) If ~~a declarant~~ AN INDIVIDUAL a declarant revokes an advance directive by an
 17 oral statement to a health care practitioner, the practitioner and a witness to the oral
 18 revocation shall document the substance of the oral revocation in the ~~declarant's~~
 19 INDIVIDUAL'S declarant's medical record.

20 (c) It shall be the responsibility of the ~~declarant~~ INDIVIDUAL declarant, to the
 21 extent reasonably possible, to notify any person to whom the ~~declarant~~ INDIVIDUAL
 22 declarant has provided a copy of the directive.

23 ~~5-605.~~

24 ~~(d) A surrogate may not authorize:~~

25 ~~(1) Sterilization; or~~

26 ~~(2) Treatment for a mental disorder.] STERILIZATION.~~

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 28 October 1, 2015.