## SENATE BILL 556

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By: Senator Bates

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning	

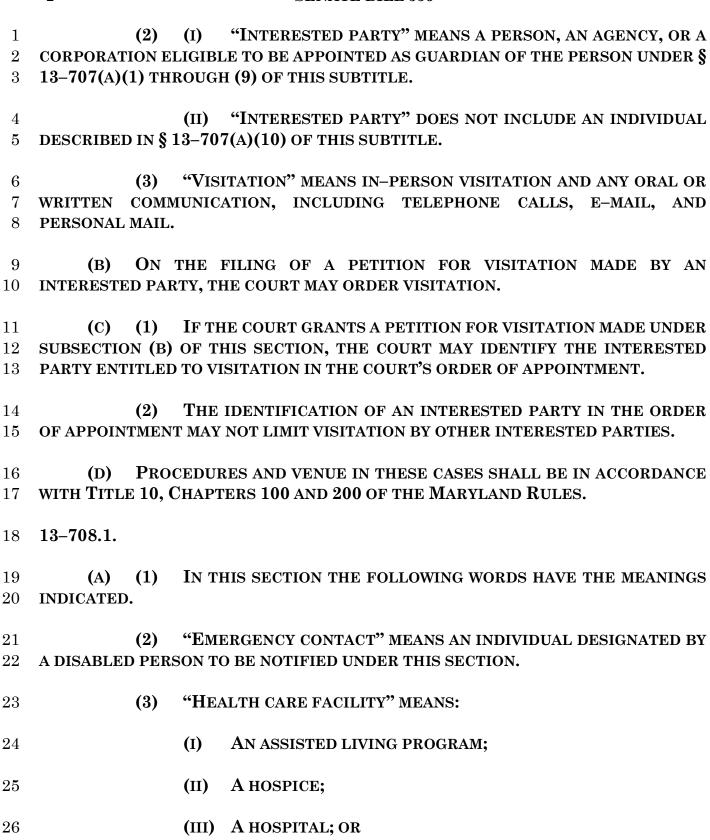
## 2 Estates and Trusts – Guardianship of a Disabled Person – Visitation and Notification

- 4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a court to order visitation for certain interested parties 5 eligible to be appointed as a guardian of a person; authorizing a court to identify a 6 certain interested party entitled to visitation in the order of appointment; providing 7 that the identification of a certain interested party in the order does not limit 8 visitation by other certain interested parties; requiring a guardian of the person to 9 notify certain interested parties within a certain time period after certain events; requiring certain notifications to be made in a certain manner; defining certain 10 11 terms; and generally relating to guardianships of disabled persons.
- 12 BY adding to
- 13 Article Estates and Trusts
- 14 Section 13–705.1 and 13–708.1
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## 19 Article – Estates and Trusts

- 20 **13-705.1.**
- 21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
- 22 INDICATED.

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(IV) A NURSING HOME.

1	(4) "Interested party" has the meaning stated in § 13-705.	
2	OF THIS SUBTITLE.	
3	(B) THE GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF A DISABLED PERSON SHALL NOTIFY	
$\frac{4}{5}$	THE DISABLED PERSON'S EMERGENCY CONTACT AND EACH INTERESTED PARTY FOR WHOM THE GUARDIAN HAS CONTACT INFORMATION:	
9	WHOM THE GUARDIAN HAS CONTACT INFORMATION.	
6	(1) NO LATER THAN 72 HOURS AFTER THE DISABLED PERSON IS:	
7	(I) ADMITTED TO A HEALTH CARE FACILITY; OR	
8	(II) MOVED TO A NEW HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR RESIDENCE;	
9	(2) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS AFTER THE	
10	DISABLED PERSON DIES; AND	
11	(3) NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS AFTER THE DISABLED PERSON'S	
12	FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS OR FINAL RESTING PLACE HAS BEEN DETERMINED.	
13	(C) NOTIFICATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE:	
14	(1) BY TELEPHONE; AND	
15	(2) IN WRITTEN FORM BY AN E-MAIL OR A TEXT MESSAGE.	
16	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect	
17	October 1, 2017.	