

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 556

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Boutin” and substitute “Boutin, Hurson, Hammen, Rudolph, Oaks, Murray, Benson, Mandel, Goldwater, Nathan-Pulliam, Hubbard, Rosenberg, Pendergrass, and V.Turner”; in line 10, strike “print and”; and in line 12, after “regulations;” insert “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;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 22, strike “AND”; and in line 25, after “DISCHARGED” insert “; AND”

(4) SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT THE FORM CAN BE REVIEWED, MODIFIED, OR RESCINDED AT ANY TIME”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 5, strike “PRINT AND”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, after line 4, insert:

“(3) IF A “PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT” FORM CONFLICTS WITH AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES “DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER”, THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES “DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER” SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, after line 4, insert:

(Over)

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Office of the Attorney General, in consultation with the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, and other interested parties, shall:

(a) study methods for reconciling the “Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Form” developed under Section 1 of this Act, and the Emergency Medical Services “Do Not Resuscitate Order”; and

(b) on or before January 1, 2005, report its findings and recommendations to the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.”;

and in line 5, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.