

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1021

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “partnership;” insert “requiring the Secretary to set certain fees; requiring the Secretary to provide certain information concerning the identity of individuals on the life partnership registry under certain circumstances;”; in lines 14 and 15, strike “a certificate of life partnership book” and substitute “records concerning life partnerships”; and in line 21, after “jurisdictions;” insert “providing that a health care agent retains certain authority to make certain decisions notwithstanding certain provisions of law;”.

On page 2, in line 30, strike “6-401” and substitute “6-402”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 9, in line 3, strike “ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL” and substitute “A THIRD PARTY”; in line 6, after “RESIDENCE” insert “IN THE STATE”; in line 21, after “(1)” insert “(I)”; strike beginning with the comma in line 21 down through “FILE” in line 22 and substitute “FOR THE FILING OF”; after line 23, insert:

“(II) THE FEE CHARGED SHALL BE SET TO COVER THE DEPARTMENT’S COSTS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.”;

and after line 27, insert:

“(E) THE SECRETARY SHALL ONLY PROVIDE CONFIRMATION OF THE IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR COUPLE ON THE LIFE PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY IF:

(1) THAT INFORMATION IS REQUESTED BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST THE INFORMATION BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE;
AND

(Over)

(2) THE PERSON AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST THE INFORMATION PROVIDES THE SECRETARY WITH THE CONFIRMATION NUMBER OF THE LIFE PARTNERSHIP.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 10, in line 13, after “FORM” insert “WITH A CONFIRMATION NUMBER OF THE LIFE PARTNERSHIP”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 11, in line 25, strike “A CERTIFICATE OF LIFE PARTNERSHIP BOOK” and substitute “RECORDS CONCERNING LIFE PARTNERSHIPS”; and strike beginning with “PROPERLY” in line 33 down through “PARTNERSHIP” in line 34 and substitute “CONFIRMATION NUMBERS OF REGISTERED LIFE PARTNERSHIPS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 13, after line 17, insert:

“6-402.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IF A LIFE PARTNER HAS SELECTED A HEALTH CARE AGENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE, THAT HEALTH CARE AGENT RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS FOR THE LIFE PARTNER THAT ARE PROVIDED FOR IN THE SELECTION OF THE HEALTH CARE AGENT UNTIL THE HEALTH CARE AGENCY HAS BEEN REVOKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE.”.