

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 796

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 13, 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;”; and strike beginning with “a” in line 18 down through “book” in line 19 and substitute “records concerning life partnerships”.

On page 2, in line 3, after “jurisdictions;” insert “providing that a health care agent retains certain authority to make certain decisions notwithstanding certain provisions of law;”; in line 13, strike “in” and substitute “under”; in line 15, strike “is asking a” and substitute “may ask for authorization for a”; in line 18, strike “faculty” and substitute “facility”; and in line 30, strike “6-401” and substitute “6-402”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 15, in line 31, strike “ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL” and substitute “A THIRD PARTY”.

On page 16, in line 1, after “RESIDENCE” insert “IN THE STATE”; in line 16, after “(1)” insert “(I)”; strike beginning with the comma in line 16 down through “FILE” in line 17 and substitute “FOR THE FILING OF”; after line 18, insert:

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

in line 19, after “(2)” insert “THERE SHALL BE NO FEE CHARGED”; strike beginning with “THE” in line 19 down through “FORMS,” in line 20; and after line 23, insert:

“(E) THE SECRETARY SHALL ONLY PROVIDE CONFIRMATION OF THE

(Over)

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 17, in line 9, after “FORM” insert “WITH A CONFIRMATION NUMBER OF THE  
LIFE PARTNERSHIP”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 18, in line 20, strike “A CERTIFICATE OF LIFE PARTNERSHIP BOOK” and  
substitute “RECORDS CONCERNING LIFE PARTNERSHIPS”; and strike beginning with  
“PROPERLY” in line 28 down through “PARTNERSHIP” in line 29 and substitute  
“CONFIRMATION NUMBERS OF REGISTERED LIFE PARTNERSHIPS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 20, after line 13, 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.”.