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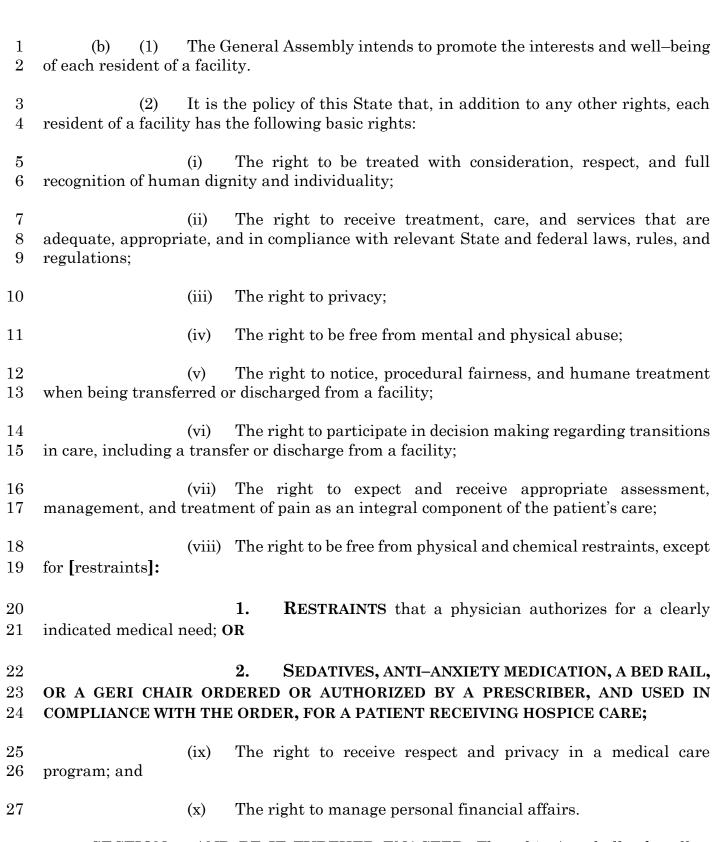
Health Care Facilities – Rights of Comprehensive and Extended Care Facility Residents – Hospice Comfort Care

- FOR the purpose of providing for an exception to the prohibition on a comprehensive care facility and an extended care facility using physical and chemical restraints on certain residents for sedatives, anti–anxiety medication, bed rails, and geri chairs authorized by a prescriber for patients receiving hospice care; and generally relating to the rights of residents at comprehensive and extended care facilities.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 10 Article Health General
- 11 Section 19–343(a)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Health General
- 16 Section 19–343(b)
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 Article - Health - General

- 22 19-343.
- 23 (a) In this section and §§ 19–344, 19–345, 19–345.1, 19–345.2, and 19–345.3 of
- 24 this subtitle, "facility" means a related institution that, under the rules and regulations of
- 25 the Department, is a comprehensive care facility or an extended care facility.





SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 29 October 1, 2025.