

(H) "ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 21-101 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE.

(R) "SIGNED" MEANS BEARING A MANUAL OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE.

5-601.1.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PART I OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE SHALL HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS A MANUAL SIGNATURE IF THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE:

- (1) USES AN ALGORITHM APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY;
- (2) IS UNIQUE TO THE INDIVIDUAL USING IT;
- (3) IS CAPABLE OF VERIFICATION;
- (4) IS UNDER THE SOLE CONTROL OF THE INDIVIDUAL USING IT;
- (5) IS LINKED TO DATA IN SUCH A MANNER THAT IF THE DATA ARE CHANGED, THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IS INVALIDATED;
- (6) PERSISTS WITH THE DOCUMENT AND NOT BY ASSOCIATION IN SEPARATE FILES; AND
- (7) IS BOUND TO A DIGITAL CERTIFICATE.

5-602.

(a) Any competent individual may, at any time, make a written OR ELECTRONIC advance directive regarding the provision of health care to that individual, or the withholding or withdrawal of health care from that individual.

(b) (2) Any competent individual may, at any time, make a written OR ELECTRONIC advance directive appointing an agent to make health care decisions for the individual under the circumstances stated in the advance directive.

(c) (1) A written OR ELECTRONIC advance directive shall be dated, signed by or at the express direction of the declarant, and subscribed by two witnesses.