

CHAPTER 426

(House Bill 203)

AN ACT concerning

Disabled Person's Review Board - Frequency of Review

FOR the purpose of altering the frequency of reviews for certain disabled individual's guardianships; requiring a file review of certain guardianships under certain circumstances; providing that the disabled individual, or the disabled individual's guardian may seek to have a guardianship reviewed more frequently; providing that the review board may, on its own motion, schedule reviews more frequently; and generally relating to the disabled person's review board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section 14-404(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

14-404.

(a) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, [At] AT least every 6 months the review board shall review each guardianship that a public agency holds.

(II) AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL REVIEW EACH GUARDIANSHIP THAT A PUBLIC AGENCY HAS HELD FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR.

(III) AT LEAST EVERY 6 MONTHS THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A FILE REVIEW OF EACH GUARDIANSHIP THAT A PUBLIC AGENCY HAS HELD FOR MORE THAN 1 YEAR BASED ON A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD INCLUDING THE PRESENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND HEALTH STATUS OF THE WARD, THE GUARDIAN'S PLAN FOR PRESERVING AND MAINTAINING THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF THE WARD, THE NEED FOR CONTINUATION OR CESSATION OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OR FOR ANY PLANS IN ALTERING THE POWERS OF THE GUARDIAN, AND THE MOST RECENT DATES OF VISITS BY THE GUARDIAN OR THE GUARDIAN'S DESIGNEE.

(2) The review board may review a case [before 6 months has elapsed] MORE FREQUENTLY if: