

to qualify for licensure; requiring nursing facilities to employ certain individuals for certain positions; specifying certain duties that certain individuals may not perform; specifying the staffing to resident ratio requirements for nursing facilities; requiring nursing facilities to post certain information in certain areas of the facility on a certain form developed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for certain penalties; providing for the application of this Act; requiring the Department to conduct a certain study and to report to the General Assembly by a certain date; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to staffing requirements for nursing facilities providing that certain payments to nursing facilities for reserving beds for Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients may not include payment for certain nursing services; repealing the requirement that certain payments to nursing facilities for reserving beds for Program recipients may not be less than a certain amount; requiring that savings resulting from certain provisions of this Act be used for a certain purpose; establishing a Task Force on Quality of Care in Nursing Facilities; specifying the membership of the Task Force; specifying the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations and to take into account and examine certain issues; requiring the Secretary of the Department of Aging to chair the Task Force; requiring the Department of Aging to provide staff support for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of the Task Force; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Health Care Access and Cost Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Aging, to develop a system to comparatively evaluate nursing facility quality of care and performance on an objective basis and to annually publish certain summary findings; establishing the purpose of the comparative evaluation system; requiring the Commission to consider a certain factor in developing the system; requiring the system to solicit certain information under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the reservation of beds for Program recipients and quality of care in nursing facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article Health General

Section 19-319(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

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Section 19-319.3

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