

~~Department of Aging to make a certain designation in each county and Baltimore City; requiring the Department and the Department of Aging to develop certain systems to provide certain services; requiring the Department and the Department of Aging to implement a certain licensure and inspection system; requiring the Department and the Department of Aging to authorize certain providers to directly bill the Department for certain services; requiring the total yearly cost of environmental modifications be equal to or less than the total current monthly benefit available under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program multiplied by 12; requiring the Department, in consultation with certain representatives, and with the approval of the Department of Aging to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department of Aging to make a certain report on or before a certain date and annually thereafter; requiring the Department and the Department of Aging to develop a certain plan to assist local area agencies on aging in developing a single point of entry system requiring the Department to submit the proposed waiver under this Act to the Legislative Policy Committee for its review and comment; requiring the Department to report on the status of a certain program; providing for the termination of a certain program; requiring the Department to implement a certain program initially by emergency regulation; defining certain terms; and generally relating to long-term care eligibility requirements and waiver services in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.~~

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section ~~15-115.1~~ and 15-141  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
Section 15-132  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article - Health - General**

~~15-115.1.~~

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(2) "HANDS ON ASSISTANCE" MEANS THE PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE OF ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE UNABLE TO PERFORM THE ACTIVITY OF DAILY LIVING.~~