

department in the State of Maryland.

\*Not signed by the Acting Governor.

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No. 62\*

(House Joint Resolution 42)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Alternatives to Intermediate Nursing Home Care

FOR the purpose of requesting the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to initiate a study of alternatives to intermediate nursing home care.

WHEREAS, More than 12,000 Marylanders, 90 percent of whom are senior citizens, are in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has in recent years become more and more dependent upon the use of institutional care allowing the advent of Medicaid and Medicare; and

WHEREAS, Nursing homes should only serve the temporary care needs for a period of convalescence or for simple rehabilitation that does not require full hospital services; and

WHEREAS, Nursing home services are expensive and could possibly deplete the financial resources of the elderly; and

WHEREAS, De-institutionalization and community alternatives to institutional care are appropriate goals in long term care today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House are requested to initiate a study of alternatives to intermediate nursing home care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President and Speaker are requested to assign this study to a special committee, composed of members of the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House.

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