

CHAPTER 439

(House Bill 1542)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Quality Home Care Services ~~Commission Act~~

~~FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Quality Home Care Services Commission; providing for the purpose and composition of the Commission; providing for the terms of members of the Commission; requiring the Commission to appoint an executive director; requiring the Commission to consult with certain individual providers before taking certain actions; requiring the Commission to establish certain qualifications and requirements, provide certain training opportunities, provide certain referrals, and coordinate with certain agencies; authorizing the Commission to advise certain agencies on certain regulations; prohibiting the Commission from providing a certain referral under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commission to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting a certain provider from being considered as a certain employee; prohibiting the Commission from being considered the employer of a certain provider for certain purposes; providing that consumers have certain rights concerning the employment of certain providers; prohibiting the Commission from reducing certain hours of certain services; providing for the construction of this Act; requiring the Commission, in consultation with certain entities, to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; requiring the report to include certain information; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Commission; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to seek certain federal funding to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Quality Home Care Services Commission.~~

FOR the purpose of transferring the Office of Personal Assistance Services and the Attendant Care Program of the Office from the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Disabilities; repealing a certain Advisory Committee; repealing a certain reporting requirement; establishing the Personal Assistance Services Advisory Committee; providing for the purpose and composition of the Advisory Committee; providing for the terms of the members of the Advisory Committee; requiring the Advisory Committee to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly at a certain time; defining certain terms; providing that employees of the Office of Personal Assistance Services of the Department of Human Resources who are transferred under this Act to the Department of Disabilities be transferred without any diminution of their rights, benefits, or employment status; providing that nothing in this Act may be construed to diminish certain powers and duties of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to propose certain corrections to the Code resulting from this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Quality Home Care Services Act.