

Section 9-1118Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume)BY adding toArticle - State GovernmentSection 9-1119Annotated Code of Maryland
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Preamble

WHEREAS, Thousands of Maryland seniors and individuals with disabilities live independently in their own homes, which they prefer and which is less costly than institutional care such as nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, Many Maryland seniors and individuals with disabilities currently receive personal home care services from individual providers hired directly by the individuals under State and federally funded programs; and

WHEREAS, Quality personal home care services allow Maryland seniors, individuals with disabilities, and the individuals' families the choice of allowing seniors and individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes, rather than forcing them into institutional care; and

WHEREAS, Home- and community-based options are less costly than nursing homes and other institutional care, and therefore save Maryland taxpayers significant amounts of money; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing shortage of qualified individuals to provide personal home care services to seniors and individuals with disabilities in the State; and

WHEREAS, Consumers are well served by programs that support self-direction, individual autonomy, dignity, and choice; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 6-701 through 6-706, respectively, and the subtitle "Subtitle 7. Attendant Care Program" of Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments of the Annotated Code of Maryland be transferred to be Section(s) 18-601 through 18-606, respectively, and the subtitle "Subtitle 6. Attendant Care Program" of Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND~~ SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: