

~~(1) THE COMMISSION'S PROGRESS IN IMPROVING SERVICES TO CONSUMERS AND ADDRESSING IMPROVEMENTS IN PERSONAL HOME CARE SERVICES BY CREATING A MORE STABLE WORKFORCE; AND~~

~~(2) THE ROLE OF THE COMMISSION IN ADVOCATING IMPROVEMENTS FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES IN THE STATE, INCLUDING IN INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER PROGRAMS.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall:~~

~~(a) seek federal funding for the Maryland Quality Home Care Services Commission established under this Act by applying for federal matching funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;~~

~~(b) maximize efforts to reprioritize funding from the Real Choice Systems Change Grant to be used to fund the Maryland Quality Home Care Services Commission; and~~

~~(c) report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, on or before July 1, 2006, on the efforts to access federal funding as required under items (a) and (b) of this section.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial members of the Maryland Quality Home Care Services Commission shall expire as follows:~~

~~(a) Three consumer members and two of the organizational or agency members in 2008; and~~

~~(b) Three consumer members and three of the organizational or agency members in 2009.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.~~

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

18-601.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) "Department" means the Department of [Human Resources] DISABILITIES.

(d) "Secretary" means the Secretary of [the Department of Human Resources] DISABILITIES.

[18-604.

(a) The Department shall create an Advisory Committee to provide guidance to the Department in the development of: