

(2) the Assistive Technology Guaranteed Loan Program under Article 41, Title 14, Subtitle 9 of the [Code] CODE; AND

(3) THE OFFICE OF PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES, INCLUDING THE ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM UNDER ARTICLE 41, TITLE 18, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE CODE.

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(A) THERE IS A PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT ON PERSONAL CARE, ATTENDANT CARE, AND HOME CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING:

(1) THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS FOR THE TRAINING OF PERSONAL CARE WORKERS;

(2) THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A REFERRAL SYSTEM OF INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS;

(3) THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY FOR PERSONAL CARE WORKERS; AND

(4) COMPENSATION LEVELS PROVIDED TO PERSONAL CARE WORKERS FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES.

(C) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

(1) 11 REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE CURRENT OR FORMER CONSUMERS OF PERSONAL HOME OR ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES;

(2) ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM:

(I) THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

(II) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGING;

(III) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DIVISION OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES;

(IV) THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES OR ITS DESIGNEE;

(V) A LOCAL OFFICE ON AGING;

(VI) THE MARYLAND STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL;

(VII) AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING SENIOR CITIZENS;

(VIII) AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;