

CHAPTER 724

(House Bill 408)

AN ACT concerning

Developmentally Disabled Persons -
Respite Care

FOR the purpose of expanding the maximum days of respite care available, subject to certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and clarifying certain provisions.

BY repealing

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
Section 128(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
Section 128(a) and (b)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

128.

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

(b) "Respite care" or "respite care services" means short-term care, including in-home care, of individuals with developmental disabilities, including the provision of temporary relief of the individual or the individual's family, on a planned or out-of-home basis or in a time of crisis. State-funded respite care programs may not exceed the following limits within a fiscal year:

(1) In-home temporary care by trained personnel on an hourly basis; and

(2) Out-of-home temporary care provided by trained personnel in a respite care center on an hourly basis for up to 24 hours, and, in addition, on a 24-hour basis, including overnight accommodations, for a maximum period of 7 continuous days.]