

WHEREAS, Enlarged capacity and extended geographic accessibility of adult day care programs are needed to serve more fully those persons who now are being accommodated only partly and to reach more of the dementia victims who can benefit from these programs of care and activity; and

WHEREAS, By all means at its disposal, the State must promote and provide support for expansion and improvement of day care programs; and

WHEREAS, A variety of measures must be employed, including additional staffing, additional physical plants whether remodeled, enlarged, or added centers, and transportation provisions; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall ~~investigate the possibility of building~~ promote the expansion development of new adult day care centers or using use existing adult day care centers to care for all elderly, including persons with Alzheimer's Disease -or- and related disorders.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall consider ~~in its investigation~~ the following in implementation of this Act: (1) the use of adult day care centers inside and outside of private homes for all elderly, including persons who suffer from Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders; (2) the need for additional staffing of adult day care centers; (3) the remodeling or enlargement of existing day care centers and the building of additional adult day care centers; and (4) the use of transportation methods for all elderly, including persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders to and from adult day care centers.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department report its findings under this Act to the General Assembly and Governor by December 1, 1986.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

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