

from which projections can be made about the Alzheimer's population in the rest of the State; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall conduct, using existing data, a demographic, epidemiologic, and health services data study of the prevalence and incidence of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders that affect individuals in this State.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall use the 1979 study by Dr. Morton Kramer of Johns Hopkins Hospital in East Baltimore as a basis for the statewide study under Section 1 of this Act.~~

SECTION -3- 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department shall report its findings on the status of the study to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1312(b) of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly when completed, but not later than January 1, 1987. by January 1, 1987. The Department shall deliver its final report of its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 1987.

SECTION -4- 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.

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CHAPTER 633

(Senate Bill 139)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance - Alzheimer's Disease *and Elderly Care*

FOR the purpose of requiring certain ~~group or individual contracts, certificates, or policies issued or delivered by a health insurer, including a profit, nonprofit, or blanket health insurer, to include benefits for expenses arising from the care of victims of dementia, requiring a health insurer, including a profit, nonprofit, or blanket health insurer, to renew or modify certain existing contracts, certificates, or policies nonprofit health service plans and health insurers proposing to issue or deliver certain group contracts or policies in this State to offer the option of providing benefits for expenses arising from the care of victims of dementia, defining a certain term Alzheimer's~~