

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall require any geriatric aide assistant who works in a long-term care facility or program that cares for people who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and related disorders to complete a Department-sponsored approved course unit on dementia within a reasonable period of time to be determined by the Department; and

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall appoint a 10-member advisory committee to help assist the Department develop in approving standards for the instructional unit on dementia under Section 1 of this Act; and

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the advisory committee appointed by the Secretary under Section 2 of this Act shall be composed of the following persons: 2 licensed physicians who care for patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; 2 registered nurses who care for patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; 2 social workers who care for patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; 2 representatives of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and 2 representatives of the Office on Aging, who shall be recommended by the Director of the Office on Aging; and

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the advisory committee appointed under this Act shall complete its work and make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on or before December 1, 1986; and

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.

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CHAPTER 636

(Senate Bill 394)

AN ACT concerning

Health - Developmental Disabilities Law

FOR the purpose of repealing the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Law, including the provisions relating to: the establishment, operation, and powers of the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration and its Director and the administration of