

WHEREAS, The Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders studied the problems associated with these debilitating disorders and issued its final report on June 30, 1985; and

WHEREAS, This study provides a fresh and timely review of the effects of Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders, along with suggesting legislative and administrative proposals that may alleviate some of the drastic effects of these debilitating disorders; and

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 construct promote the development of new adult day care centers or 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 the following in ~~carrying-out~~ the 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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