issued certain approval; requiring disclosure of certain information in the continuing care agreement; providing time limits for refunds to subscribers under cetain-conditions certain conditions; clarifying certain terms; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to the regulation of continuing care communities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 70B - Office on Aging Section 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, and 22 Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 70B - Office on Aging

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- (a) "Office" means [State] MARYLAND Office on Aging.
- (b) (1) "Continuing care" means furnishing shelter and either medical and nursing services or other health related benefits to an individual 60 years of age or older not related by blood or marriage to the provider for the life of the individual or for a period in excess of one  $\frac{1}{2}$  year under a written agreement that requires a transfer of assets or an entrance fee notwithstanding periodic charges.
- (2) "Health related benefits" means, at a minimum, priority for nursing home admission or assistance in the activities of daily living, exclusive of the provision of meals.
- (3) Medical and nursing services and other health related benefits may be covered by the entrance fee, the periodic charges, or may be purchased, at the option of the subscriber, for an additional fee.
- (c) "Facility" means a physical plant in which continuing care [or life care] is provided in accordance with this subtitle.
- (d) "Provider" means the owner or operator, whether a natural person, partnership, unincorporated association, however organized, trust, or corporation, of an institution, building, residence, or other place, whether operated for profit or not, which owner or operator undertakes to provide continuing care.
- (e) "Subscriber" means a purchaser of, or nominee of, a continuing care agreement.