

BY adding to

Article — Tax — General

Section 10-208(i-3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article — Health — General

SUBTITLE 4. MARYLAND PARTNERSHIP FOR LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAM

15-401.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

(C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND PARTNERSHIP FOR LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAM.

15-402.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND PARTNERSHIP FOR LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAM.

(B) THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO:

(1) PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO INSURE AGAINST THE COSTS OF PROVIDING FOR THEIR LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS;

(2) PROVIDE MECHANISMS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO QUALIFY FOR COVERAGE OF THE COSTS OF THEIR LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS UNDER THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITHOUT FIRST BEING REQUIRED TO SUBSTANTIALLY EXHAUST ALL THEIR RESOURCES;

(3) ASSIST IN DEVELOPING METHODS FOR INCREASING ACCESS TO AND THE AFFORDABILITY OF A LONG-TERM CARE POLICY; AND

(4) ALLEVIATE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE STATE'S MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY ENCOURAGING PURSUIT OF PRIVATE INITIATIVES.

(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL:

(1) BE ADMINISTERED BY:

(I) THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(II) THE COMMISSIONER; AND

(2) PROVIDE FOR THE FINANCING OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES BY:

(I) PRIVATE INSURANCE; AND