

and Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Aging and the Department of Human Resources, to adopt regulations; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make certain reports to the General Assembly; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to work with the Maryland Health Resource and Planning Commission to try to assure that a certain percentage of assisted living program waiver beds are nursing facility beds that have been converted to assisted living beds; defining certain terms; and generally relating to home and community based services for impaired individuals provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 15-132

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The number of persons requiring long-term care services is growing exponentially and will continue to grow into the next millennium; and

WHEREAS, The number of persons requiring assisted living services is also growing and the corresponding need for financial assistance is increasing due to the high cost of these services; and

WHEREAS, The ability to receive needed services is currently only available in ~~an institutional setting~~ a nursing facility; now, therefore,

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

Article - Health - General

15-132.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-1801 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) "ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES" MEANS SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(4) "CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES" MEANS SERVICES THAT ASSIST WAIVER ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN GAINING ACCESS TO NEEDED WAIVER SERVICES AND OTHER NEEDED MEDICAL, SOCIAL, HOUSING, AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.