

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a certain annual report to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before a certain date ~~to the Chairman of the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the Cochairs of the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review~~; specifying the content of the report as it relates to certain resident-specific waiver authority of the Department ~~under the State~~ for assisted living programs; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to ~~the State~~ assisted living programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 1-101(a) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1805

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

1-101.

(a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

19-1805.

(a) The Department shall:

(1) Define different levels of assisted living according to the level of care provided;

(2) Require all assisted living programs to be licensed to operate according to the level of the program;

(3) Develop a waiver process for authorizing an assisted living program to continue to care for an individual whose medical or functional condition has changed since admission to the program to an extent that the level of care required by the individual exceeds the level of care for which the program is licensed;

(4) Promote affordable and accessible assisted living programs throughout the State;

(5) Establish and enforce quality standards for assisted living programs;