

recommendations and to take into account and examine certain issues; requiring the Secretary of the Department of Aging to chair the Task Force; requiring the Department of Aging to provide staff support for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of the Task Force; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Health Care Access and Cost Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Aging, to develop a system to comparatively evaluate nursing facility quality of care and performance on an objective basis and to annually publish certain summary findings; establishing the purpose of the comparative evaluation system; requiring the Commission to consider a certain factor in developing the system; requiring the system to solicit certain information under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the reservation of beds for Program recipients and quality of care in nursing facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

~~Article Health General~~

~~Section 19-319(a)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

~~Article Health General~~

~~Section 19-319.3~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-117

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1508(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland