(c)   Report its findings to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on or before December 1, 2000.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 213

(House Bill 784)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes – ~~Required~~ Staffing

FOR ~~the purpose of requiring nursing homes to meet certain staffing requirements to qualify for licensure; requiring nursing homes to employ certain individuals for certain positions; specifying certain duties that certain individuals may not perform; specifying certain staffing levels for nursing homes; requiring nursing homes to post certain information in certain areas of the home on a certain form developed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for certification of staffing levels; authorizing the Department to improve working conditions and salary levels; providing for certain penalties; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to staffing requirements for nursing homes.~~

FOR the purpose of stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor provide in the State budget for certain fiscal years additional funds for nursing home services; specifying how nursing homes are allowed to use the additional funds; providing that nursing home expenditures are subject to audit and cost settlement by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Department to reconvene the Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement Study Group; specifying the duties of the Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement Study Group; requiring a certain report by a certain date; and generally relating to nursing home services.

~~BY adding to~~
    ~~Article – Health – General~~
    ~~Section 19–1410 through 19–1412~~
    ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
    ~~(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)~~

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