

(a) Review the existing reimbursement formula to ensure it reflects the current and planned requirements of the nursing home program under Medicaid and the care needs of the residents;

(b) Review the proposed funding appropriation for Fiscal Year 2002 and Fiscal Year 2003 and make recommendations for changes to the reimbursement formula to ensure that the intent of Section 1 of this Act is achieved; and

(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.

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**CHAPTER 214**

**(Senate Bill 764)**

AN ACT concerning

**Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program - Appointment of an Ombudsman for a Nursing Home Resident Staffing Ratios**

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ requiring the Secretary of Aging to ~~delegate the authority to the Maryland Long-Term Care Ombudsman and to the director of a local office of aging to appoint an Ombudsman for a confused nursing home resident under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary to establish and budget for certain staffing ratios for the Maryland Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program;~~ and generally relating to the Ombudsman Program for nursing homes.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 70B – Department of Aging  
Section 5(a), (b), and (c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 70B – Department of Aging  
Section 5(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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