

~~(F)~~ (H) THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW THE REPORTS OF THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONTINUE IMPROVEMENT IN NURSING HOME CARE.

(I) THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.

~~(G)~~ (J) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 3 months and, at the end of December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 217

(House Bill 747)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes - Quality Assurance

FOR the purpose of requiring a nursing home, ~~as a condition of licensure by a certain date, to establish and implement~~ a quality assurance program that meets certain requirements and is approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; ~~requiring a nursing home to employ a quality assurance nurse designate a qualified individual to manage and monitor the quality of care in the nursing home and a medical director; requiring the designation of a medical director;~~ requiring a nursing home to establish a Quality Assurance Committee that must review and approve annually a quality assurance plan; defining certain terms; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with certain entities, to define the role of the medical director for a nursing home; ~~prohibiting the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene from requiring the disclosure of certain records and reports; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to impose certain sanctions under certain circumstances; requiring each nursing home to display certain notice; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations that will provide for medical staff accountability;~~ requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to create a technical assistance unit; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to partially reimburse a nursing home for installing certain automated health systems; authorizing the Secretary of