

CHAPTER 359

(Senate Bill 144)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Aging - Assisted Living Programs - Subsidies

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Aging to provide certain monthly subsidies for the care of certain residents of assisted living programs who meet certain income requirements; limiting the amount ~~and requiring a certain minimum number~~ of subsidies available to certain residents of assisted living programs; and generally relating to subsidies for residents of assisted living programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 70B - Department of Aging
Section 4(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article 70B - Department of Aging

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(d) With respect to assisted living programs, as defined under § 19-1801 of the Health - General Article, the Secretary shall:

(1) Develop assisted living programs for the elderly, in conjunction with any public or private profit or nonprofit corporation or any State or federal agency;

(2) Make maximum use of rent and other subsidies available from federal and State sources and provide for subsidies necessary from State general funds to assist low income elderly individuals to reside in assisted living programs as an alternative to more costly, but not required, institutional care, INCLUDING, WHEN NECESSARY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS, MONTHLY SUBSIDIES FOR RESIDENTS OF ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS WHOSE ADJUSTED GROSS ANNUAL INCOME IS LESS THAN THEIR COST OF CARE FOR ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES, PROVIDED THAT THE SUBSIDIES:

~~(A) MEET THE GAP BETWEEN INCOME AND COST OF CARE TO A MAXIMUM OF \$650 PER MONTH; AND~~

~~(B) PROVIDE NOT LESS THAN 1,000 ASSISTED LIVING PLACEMENTS AT ANY ONE PERIOD OF TIME;~~

(3) Find sponsors for assisted living programs;