

2. A notice of the location, within the facility, of the items listed in item 1 of this item.

~~SECTION 2. 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the assisted living industry, shall ~~develop a methodology to establish~~ review its current payment rates, study the costs of providing services, and consider reimbursement options including an annual rate-setting formula based on the actual cost for assisted living services under COMAR 10.09.54.00. The Department shall submit a report regarding ~~this methodology~~ its findings to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before January 1, 2004.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall conduct an evaluation of assisted living services in Maryland, in consultation with assisted living consumers and providers, and submit a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before January 1, 2004. The report shall include recommendations relating to:

- (a) small and large providers of assisted living facilities;
- (b) the certification of assisted living facility managers; and
- (c) quality standards for specialized assisted living facilities, including facilities with Alzheimer's units.

~~SECTION 2. 5.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of Section 2 of this Act. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004, the effective date of Chapter 195 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999. If the effective date of Chapter 195 is amended, Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 195.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 834 – Criminal Procedure – Custodial Confinement as a Condition of Probation or Suspension of Sentence.