

CHAPTER 265

(House Bill 1141)

AN ACT concerning

State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life

FOR the purpose of establishing the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life; providing for the membership of the Advisory Council; providing for the terms of members; requiring the Governor to appoint a successor if a vacancy occurs; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair; providing for a quorum; requiring the Advisory Council to meet a certain number of times each year; prohibiting members from receiving compensation but allowing members to receive reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Department of ~~Health and Mental Hygiene~~ *Aging and the Office of the Attorney General* to provide certain support to the Advisory Council; requiring the Advisory Council to monitor certain trends, study certain information, provide recommendations to certain agencies regarding certain agency activities, advise the General Assembly on certain legislation, and participate in certain activities; and generally relating to the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 13-1601 through 13-1604, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 16. State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Every Marylander is entitled to and should expect competent, compassionate, and respectful care when facing a life-limiting illness; and

WHEREAS, Many health care providers in Maryland are striving to improve the delivery of care to dying patients, including meticulous attention to pain and the management of other symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Public policy can have a significant effect on the environment in which end-of-life care is delivered; and

WHEREAS, A broadly diverse panel can play a key role in monitoring developments affecting end-of-life care in Maryland and providing advice to policymakers; now, therefore,

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