

- [(6)] (7) Health and Mental Hygiene;
- [(7)] (8) Housing and Community Development;
- [(8)] (9) Human Resources;
- [(9)] (10) Juvenile Justice;
- [(10)] (11) Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
- [(11)] (12) Natural Resources;
- [(12)] (13) Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- [(13)] (14) State Police; and
- [(14)] (15) Transportation.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before July 1, 1999, the Department of Aging shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on a strategic plan to prepare Maryland for the growth of the elderly population in the State over the next 30 years. The report shall include recommendations for:

- (1) Using information technology to provide older Marylanders with user-friendly computerized access to services provided by the State, local jurisdictions, and the private sector;
- (2) Streamlining and coordinating systems for processing requests for information about services for the elderly provided by State and local agencies;
- (3) Using senior centers and public-private partnerships to promote education on:
  - (i) health care;
  - (ii) disease prevention;
  - (iii) financial preparation for later life, including long-term care;
 and
  - (iv) available services; and
- (4) Promoting and developing service information and education programs delivered by volunteer retirees.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that there shall be no increases in the State budget of the Department of Aging for Fiscal Year 1999 or any fiscal year thereafter directly resulting from removing the Office on Aging from the Executive Department and creating the Department of Aging as a principal department of State government.