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1 AN ACT concerning

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Assisted Living Programs - Small Facilities - Cost and Impact Study

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to enter

- 4 into a contract with a public or private entity to conduct a study, after
- 5 consulting with certain persons, to arrange to have a study conducted
- 6 concerning the financial cost and economic impact of the State's Assisted Living
- 7 Program <u>State regulation</u> on certain assisted living facilities; requiring the
- 8 Secretary to submit the study to the Governor and to the General Assembly on
- 9 or before a certain date; and generally relating to certain assisted living
- 10 programs.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

12 MARYLAND, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall enter into a

- 13 contract with a public or private entity for that entity to conduct a study, after
- 14 consulting with the Assisted Living Regulation Implementation Committee regarding
- 15 the parameters of the study, shall arrange to have a study conducted concerning the
- 16 financial cost and economic impact of the State's Assisted Living Program State

17 regulation under §§ 19-1801 through 19-1805 of the Health - General Article on

18 assisted living facilities with 16 or fewer residents.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary shallsubmit the study to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government

21 Article, to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2000.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 23 July 1, 1999. SENATE BILL 623