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By: **Senators Collins, Hollinger, and Teitelbaum (Task Force on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes)**

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CHAPTER 215

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nursing Homes - Quality of Care - Inspections**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Health Care Quality in the Department of
4 Health and Mental Hygiene to make a site visit and a full survey of each
5 licensed nursing home at least a certain number of times per year; exempting
6 certain nursing homes from certain site visits and surveys under certain
7 circumstances; requiring all surveys to be unannounced; and generally relating
8 to inspections of nursing homes.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Health - General

11 Section 19-1410 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 14. Nursing Homes"

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Health - General**

17 Subtitle 14. Nursing Homes [- Civil Money Penalties].

18 19-1410.

19 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE A SITE VISIT AND CONDUCT A FULL
20 SURVEY OF EACH LICENSED NURSING HOME AT LEAST ~~FOUR~~ TWO TIMES PER
21 CALENDAR YEAR.

1 ~~(B)~~ THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A)
2 OF THIS SECTION FOR A NURSING HOME THAT, IN THE TWO MOST RECENT SURVEYS
3 OF THE NURSING HOME CONDUCTED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000, HAS HAD NO
4 DEFICIENCIES THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR MINIMUM HARM OR GREATER.

5 ~~(B)~~ (C) ALL SURVEYS SHALL BE UNANNOUNCED.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2000.