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By: **Senators Hollinger, Bromwell, Hoffman, Collins, Middleton, Forehand,  
Teitelbaum, ~~and Astle~~ Astle, and Green**

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CHAPTER 359

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging - Assisted Living Programs - Subsidies**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Aging to provide certain monthly  
4 subsidies for the care of certain residents of assisted living programs who meet  
5 certain income requirements; limiting the amount ~~and requiring a certain~~  
6 ~~minimum number~~ of subsidies available to certain residents of assisted living  
7 programs; and generally relating to subsidies for residents of assisted living  
8 programs.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 70B - Department of Aging  
11 Section 4(d)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 70B - Department of Aging**

17 4.

18 (d) With respect to assisted living programs, as defined under § 19-1801 of the  
19 Health - General Article, the Secretary shall:

20 (1) Develop assisted living programs for the elderly, in conjunction with  
21 any public or private profit or nonprofit corporation or any State or federal agency;

1           (2)     Make maximum use of rent and other subsidies available from  
2 federal and State sources and provide for subsidies necessary from State general  
3 funds to assist low income elderly individuals to reside in assisted living programs as  
4 an alternative to more costly, but not required, institutional care, INCLUDING, WHEN  
5 NECESSARY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS, MONTHLY SUBSIDIES  
6 FOR RESIDENTS OF ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS WHOSE ADJUSTED GROSS ANNUAL  
7 INCOME IS LESS THAN THEIR COST OF CARE FOR ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES,  
8 PROVIDED THAT THE SUBSIDIES:

9                   (+)     MEET THE GAP BETWEEN INCOME AND COST OF CARE TO A  
10 MAXIMUM OF \$650 PER MONTH; ~~AND~~

11                   (II)    ~~PROVIDE NOT LESS THAN 1,000 ASSISTED LIVING PLACEMENTS~~  
12 ~~AT ANY ONE PERIOD OF TIME;~~

13           (3)     Find sponsors for assisted living programs;

14           (4)     Assist developers in formulating design concepts and meeting  
15 program needs;

16           (5)     When necessary and in accordance with available funds, provide  
17 subsidies for congregate meals, housekeeping, and personal services for assisted  
18 living programs and develop eligibility requirements in connection with these  
19 subsidies;

20           (6)     Adopt regulations governing eligibility requirements for subsidies;  
21 and

22           (7)     Review the compliance of assisted living programs with the  
23 regulations adopted by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for licensing  
24 these programs to operate in the State.

25     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2001.