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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 837

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Nursing Homes – Health Care Quality Disclosure Form – Requirements” and substitute “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Regulation of Nursing Homes – Review”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “homes” in line 16 and substitute “requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with certain groups and individuals, to conduct a certain review; requiring the Department to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and a review of the regulation of nursing homes”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 1 through line 25 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Board of Nursing, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, Mid-Atlantic LifeSpan, the Health Facilities Association of Maryland, the Oversight Committee on the Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities, the United Seniors of Maryland, Voices for Quality Care, the Maryland Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, providers, advocates, and other interested parties, shall review current State laws and regulations, best practices, and experiences of other states with regard to the regulation of nursing homes in the State.

(Over)

(b) On or before January 1, 2008, the Department shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the review conducted under subsection (a) of this section, and shall include in the report a discussion of the following issues related to nursing homes in the State:

(1) the status of and demand for electronic monitoring, including the feasibility of and goals for electronic monitoring;

(2) resident-directed care and whether specific State regulations may be barriers to culture change and patients' rights;

(3) the status and rights of family councils;

(4) communication between residents or their legal representatives and nursing homes;

(5) whether specific State regulations should be changed to provide nursing homes with greater flexibility while maintaining safety; and

(6) any other issue that the Department considers necessary to review."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 26, strike "3." and substitute "2."; and in line 27, strike "October" and substitute "June".