

# HOUSE BILL 532

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted**  
3 **Living Facilities - Duties**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing  
5 Homes and Assisted Living Facilities to consider the quality of life in nursing  
6 homes, assisted living facilities, and senior independent living facilities; and  
7 generally relating to the duties of the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care  
8 in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Health – General  
11 Section 19–1409(d)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 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 19–1409.

18 (d) The Oversight Committee shall evaluate the progress in improving  
19 nursing home care quality and assisted living facility quality statewide, including  
20 consideration of:

21 (1) Quality of care standards for nursing homes and assisted living  
22 facilities;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2) Standards for the identification of the onset of dementia and  
2 Alzheimer's disease;

3                   (3) Standards for the identification of conditions appropriate for  
4 hospice services;

5                   (4) Staffing patterns and staffing standards;

6                   (5) Policies and procedures for inspecting nursing homes and assisted  
7 living facilities, and responding to quality of care complaints;

8                   (6) A comparison of Maryland standards, policies, and procedures to  
9 those in other states;

10                  (7) The labor pool available to fill nursing and nursing aide jobs;

11                  (8) State funding mechanisms for nursing homes and assisted living  
12 facilities, including the Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement System, and  
13 regulation of nursing homes; [and]

14                  (9) The provision and quality of mental and behavioral health care  
15 services to meet the needs of nursing home and assisted living facility residents; **AND**

16                   **(10) THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING**  
17 **FACILITIES, AND SENIOR INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES.**

18                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2008.