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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 355
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Madaleno” and substitute “Madaleno, Astle, Garagiola, Glassman, Kelley, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Mathias, Middleton, and Ramirez”; in line 2, strike “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Health Care Facilities” and substitute “Office of Health Care Quality”; in line 3, after “Registry” insert “Workgroup”; and strike beginning with “Secretary” in line 4 down through “facilities” in line 17 and substitute “Office of Health Care Quality to reconvene the Abuser Registry Workgroup; requiring the Abuser Registry Workgroup to undertake a certain review, monitor the implementation of certain recommendations, and recommend certain changes; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to submit a certain report to the Governor and certain legislative committees on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to an Abuser Registry Workgroup and the Office of Health Care Quality”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 6, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 5, strike beginning with “Article” in line 7 on page 2 down through “SUBTITLE.” in line 20 on page 5 and substitute:

“(a) The Office of Health Care Quality shall reconvene the Abuser Registry Workgroup originally convened in 2012.

(b) The Abuser Registry Workgroup shall:

(Over)

(1) review the previous work of the Abuser Registry Workgroup and the alternative approach described in the January 14, 2013, letter from the Acting Executive Director of the Office of Health Care Quality to the sponsors of Senate Bill 316 and House Bill 382 of 2012;

(2) monitor the implementation of recommendations included in the January 23, 2013, letter from the Acting Executive Director of the Office of Health Care Quality to the House Health and Government Operations Committee relating to:

(i) initiating a National Background Check Program supported by a federal grant;

(ii) educating the provider community about best practices for managing abuse and neglect and utilizing the criminal justice system in cases of abuse and neglect;

(iii) assisting law enforcement in the development of outreach and training concerning abuse and neglect in health care settings; and

(iv) exploring the need to strengthen statutory law relating to criminal history records checks of employees who are not licensed or certified under the Health Occupations Article; and

(3) recommend changes in statutory law, regulations, or procedures to deter abuse and neglect in health care settings.

(c) On or before January 1, 2014, the Office of Health Care Quality shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the findings and recommendations of the Abuser Registry Workgroup.”.

On page 5, in line 22, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after “2013.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.