

**HB0710/933698/1**

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 710  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Employment –” insert “Nursing Homes and”; in lines 2 and 3, strike “Violence Prevention” and substitute “Safety Assessment and Safety”; in line 4, after “of” insert “requiring certain nursing homes to assign to a certain committee the task of conducting an annual assessment of workplace safety issues and making certain recommendations; requiring, in conducting a certain annual assessment, a certain committee to consult certain employees of the nursing home;”; in lines 5, 5 and 6, 6, and 7, strike “violence prevention” and substitute “safety”; in line 8, after “components,” insert “providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act;”; in line 9, strike “violence prevention” and substitute “safety assessments and safety”; in the same line, after “of” insert “nursing homes and”; after line 9, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1410.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)”;

in line 13, strike “Violence Prevention” and substitute “Safety”; in line 17, strike “Violence” and substitute “Risk of injury”; strike beginning with “and” in line 18 down through “risk” in line 19; and strike in their entirety lines 20 through 22, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “violence” and substitute “injury”; in line 4, strike “Violence against health” and substitute “Health”; in the same line, after “workers” insert “being injured on the job”; in line 9, strike “violence has” and substitute “injuries have”; in line 11, strike “assaults” and substitute “injury”; in the same line, strike “threats of assault” and substitute “risk of injury”; in line 13, strike “effects of

(Over)

violence” and substitute “risk of injury”; and in line 14, strike “violence prevention” and substitute “workplace safety”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 16, insert:

“Article – Health – General

19-1410.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “WORKPLACE SAFETY” MEANS THE PREVENTION OF ANY PHYSICAL ASSAULT OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE IN A NURSING HOME.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO NURSING HOMES THAT ARE LICENSED FOR 45 BEDS OR MORE.

(C) EACH NURSING HOME SHALL ASSIGN TO AN APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE THE TASK OF:

(1) CONDUCTING AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF WORKPLACE SAFETY ISSUES; AND

(2) MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NURSING HOME FOR REDUCING WORKPLACE INJURIES.

(D) IN CONDUCTING AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF WORKPLACE SAFETY ISSUES, THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THE ASSESSMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONSULT WITH GERIATRIC

NURSING ASSISTANTS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE NURSING HOME WHO ARE INVOLVED IN ASSISTING RESIDENTS WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING.”;

in lines 18 and 19, strike “**VIOLENCE PREVENTION**” and substitute “**SAFETY**”; in line 23, after “**(B)**” insert “**(1)**”; in the same line, strike “**A**” and substitute “**:**”;

**(I) A**”;

in lines 23 and 24, strike “**OR RELATED INSTITUTION**” and substitute “**; OR**”;

**(II) A STATE RESIDENTIAL CENTER.**

**(2) “HEALTH CARE FACILITY” INCLUDES:**

**(I) A SUBACUTE CARE UNIT OF A HOSPITAL; AND**

**(II) A STATE-OPERATED HOSPITAL**”;

and strike in their entirety lines 29 and 30 and substitute:

**“(E) “STATE RESIDENTIAL CENTER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-101 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.”.**

On page 3, in line 1, strike “**VIOLENCE**” and substitute “**SAFETY**”; in the same line, after “**MEANS**” insert “**THE PREVENTION OF**”; in the same line, strike the comma and substitute “**OR**”; strike beginning with “**, OR**” in line 2 down through “**FACILITY**” in line 3; in line 3, after “**WORKER**” insert “**IN A HEALTH CARE FACILITY**”; in lines 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, and 27, in each instance, strike “**VIOLENCE PREVENTION**” and substitute “**SAFETY**”; in line 19, strike “**SECURITY**” and substitute “**SAFETY**”; in lines 22, 24, and 26, in each instance, strike “**VIOLENCE**” and substitute “**INJURIES**”.