

SENATE BILL 297

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by **Senators Kelley, Astle, Benson, Feldman, King, Klausmeier, Lee, Mathias, Middleton, Montgomery, Nathan–Pulliam, and Pugh**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Family Caregiving and Long–Term Supports**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Family Caregiving and Long–Term
4 Supports; providing for the composition, staff, and ~~dates~~ duties of the Task Force;
5 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, ~~but~~;
6 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses for certain members of the Task
7 Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the
8 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
9 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Family
10 Caregiving and Long–Term Supports.

11 Preamble

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 WHEREAS, Some 770,000 Marylanders are taking care of loved ones, including
2 those who are aging or have failing health; and

3 WHEREAS, The vast majority of older adults who need assistance with activities of
4 daily living want to remain in their homes and communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Providing services and supports to older adults in their homes and
6 communities is generally much less expensive than nursing home care or adult day care;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Almost three-fourths of older adults living in their homes and receiving
9 personal assistance rely exclusively on unpaid caregivers for help; and

10 WHEREAS, Older adults who receive cost-effective services in their homes are much
11 less likely to need public assistance; and

12 WHEREAS, To successfully address the surging population of older adults who have
13 significant needs for long-term services and supports, the State must encourage families
14 to assist their aging relatives and develop ways to support families in that undertaking, as
15 well as enhance efforts to recruit and retain a qualified, responsive in-home care workforce;
16 now, therefore,

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

19 (a) There is a Task Force on Family Caregiving and Long-Term Supports.

20 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

21 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
22 the Senate;

23 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
24 House;

25 (3) one representative of the Department of Human Resources, appointed
26 by the Secretary of Human Resources;

27 (4) one representative of the Department of Aging, appointed by the
28 Secretary of Aging;

29 (5) one representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene,
30 appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

31 (6) one representative of MTA Mobility, appointed by the Secretary of
32 Transportation;

1 (7) the health officer or the health officer's designee from a county from
2 each of the following areas:

3 (i) the Eastern Shore;

4 (ii) a suburb of Washington, D.C.;

5 (iii) Western Maryland; and

6 (iv) the Baltimore region;

7 (8) one representative of AARP Maryland, appointed by the AARP
8 Maryland State President;

9 (9) one representative of the March of Dimes Maryland–National Capital
10 Area, appointed by the Executive Director of the March of Dimes
11 Maryland–National Capital Area;

12 (10) one representative of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Maryland
13 Chapter, appointed by the Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater
14 Maryland Chapter;

15 (11) one representative of the Mental Health Association of Maryland,
16 appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Mental Health Association of Maryland;

17 (12) one representative of the Health Facilities Association of Maryland,
18 appointed by the President of the Health Facilities Association of Maryland;

19 (13) one representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of
20 Maryland, appointed by the Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness
21 of Maryland;

22 (14) one representative of the Hospice and Palliative Care Network of
23 Maryland, appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of the Hospice and
24 Palliative Care Network of Maryland;

25 (15) one representative of the Maryland Gerontological Association,
26 appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Gerontological
27 Association;

28 (16) one representative of the Maryland Hospital Association, appointed by
29 the President of the Maryland Hospital Association; ~~and~~

30 (17) one representative of the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating
31 Council, appointed by the Chair of the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council;

1 (18) one representative of LeadingAge Maryland, appointed by the
 2 President of LeadingAge Maryland;

3 (19) one representative of the Maryland–National Capital Home Care
 4 Association, appointed by the President of the Maryland–National Capital Home Care
 5 Association;

6 (20) one representative of the Maryland Association of Adult Day Services,
 7 appointed by the President of the Maryland Association of Adult Day Services; ~~and~~

8 (21) one nurse with experience in providing caregiver and long-term
 9 supports, appointed by the Maryland Nurses Association; and

10 ~~(17) (21) (22)~~ three family caregivers, appointed by AARP Maryland.

11 (c) AARP Maryland shall provide staff for the Task Force.

12 (d) (1) A member of the Task Force~~;~~

13 ~~(1)~~ may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; ~~but,~~

14 (2) A State–agency affiliated member of the Task Force is entitled to
 15 reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in
 16 the State budget.

17 (e) The Task Force shall:

18 (1) identify policies, resources, and programs available for family
 19 caregivers and find additional innovative and creative means to support family caregivers
 20 in continuing to provide needed in–home care and assistance for older adults;

21 (2) receive testimony on the needs of family caregivers, including
 22 designation of caregivers, training, respite services, medical leave policies, delegation of
 23 tasks to nonmedical aides, and other related policies;

24 (3) compile an inventory of the resources available to family caregivers;
 25 and

26 (4) evaluate and recommend actions the State could take, including
 27 legislative and administrative actions, to develop, train, and retain a qualified and
 28 responsive in–home care workforce.

29 (f) On or before September 30, 2016, the Task Force shall submit a report of its
 30 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the
 31 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 4 months and, at the end of
3 October 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall
4 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.