

SENATE BILL 4

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By: **Senator Nathan-Pulliam**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging – Study of Nursing Home Quality of Care**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Aging to study the quality of care in
4 nursing homes in Maryland; requiring the Department to review, assess, and
5 examine certain matters related to the quality of care in nursing homes; requiring
6 the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the
7 General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the study of
8 quality of care in nursing homes in Maryland.

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

11 (a) The Department of Aging shall study the quality of care in nursing homes in
12 Maryland.

13 (b) As part of the study required under subsection (a) of this section, the
14 Department shall:

15 (1) examine and assess the number and types of complaints made to the
16 Office of Health Care Quality regarding patient care in nursing homes;

17 (2) examine and assess the results of scheduled and unscheduled nursing
18 home inspections by the Office of Health Care Quality;

19 (3) review the number and the level of compensation of inspectors
20 employed by the Office of Health Care Quality; and

21 (4) examine the efforts of nursing homes to address complaints and to
22 comply with findings of the Office of Health Care Quality.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) On or before December 1, 2018, the Department of Aging shall report its
2 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the
3 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
5 1, 2018.