

SENATE BILL 325

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By: **Senator Serafini**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2018

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nursing Homes – Provision of Beds With Bed Rails**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each nursing home to notify a resident, or the resident's
4 representative, on admission of the resident of the availability of beds with bed rails
5 and to provide, as allowed by federal law, a resident with a bed with bed rails on
6 request of the resident or the resident's representative; and generally relating to the
7 provision of beds with bed rails in nursing homes.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 19–1410.3

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **19–1410.3.**

17 **EACH NURSING HOME SHALL:**

18 **(1) ON ADMISSION OF A RESIDENT, NOTIFY THE RESIDENT AND, IF**
19 **APPLICABLE, THE RESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF BEDS**
20 **WITH BED RAILS; AND**

21 **(2) ON THE REQUEST OF A RESIDENT OR A RESIDENT'S**
22 **REPRESENTATIVE, AND AS ALLOWED BY FEDERAL LAW, PROVIDE TO THE RESIDENT**
23 **A BED WITH BED RAILS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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