

**SENATOR DELORES G. KELLEY**  
*Legislative District 10*  
Baltimore County

—  
*Chair*  
Finance Committee

—  
Executive Nominations Committee  
Rules Committee  
Legislative Policy Committee



Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street, Suite 3 East  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
410-841-3606 · 301-858-3606  
800-492-7122 Ext. 3606  
Fax 410-841-3399 · 301-858-3399  
Delores.Kelley@senate.state.md.us

**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**TESTIMONY OF SENATOR DELORES G. KELLEY**  
**REGARDING SENATE BILL 507 DIVISION OF CONSUMER**  
**PROTECTION-**  
**ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS**  
**BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**February 18, 2021**

**Mr. Vice-Chair and Members:**

**Senate Bill 507 is here because of a plethora of concerns regarding significant, but unreported and undocumented cases of assisted living residents whose social security checks and/or other government pensions are under the control of the owners and/or**

**administrators of assisted living programs that provide room,  
board, and medication-management to the elderly and/or disabled**

**Senate Bill 507**

**Page 2**

**Marylanders who depend upon assisted living owners, managers  
and/or staff for management and use of social security and/or other  
pensions to which Maryland assisted living residents are  
beneficiaries.**

**Senate Bill 507 requires that on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year,  
each assisted living program that was appointed as a representative  
payee for residents of the assisted living facility at any point during  
the reporting period shall report to the Division of Consumer**

**Protection on the use of:**

- 1. Social Security benefits of residents of the assisted living  
program facility during the immediately preceding year;  
and**
- 2. Other federal, state or local government funds for residents  
of the assisted living program facility during the  
immediately preceding year.**

## **Senate Bill 507**

### **Page 3**

**“Assisted living program” does not include:**

- **A nursing home, per §19-1401 of Health General Article;**
- **A State facility as per §10-101 of Section 19-1801 of this article;**
- **A program licensed by the Department under Title 7 or Title 10 of this Article;**
- **A hospice care program regulated by the Department under Subtitle 9 of this title;**
- **services provided by family members;**
- **services provided in an individual’s own home; or**
- **A program certified by the Department of Human Services under Title 6, Subtitle 5, Part II of the Human Services Article as a certified Adult Residential Environment Program.**

**When the Office of Health Care Quality refers an allegation  
of an unfair, abusive or deceptive trade practice by an**

**Senate Bill 507**

**Page 4**

**assisted living program to the Office of the Inspector General, the  
Office shall also concurrently refer the allegation to the Division of  
Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General.**

**The Act shall take effect on October 1, 2021, and I ask for your  
support of SB 507.**