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**SB 677 Maryland Health Care Commission – Nursing Homes Reporting
FAVORABLE
Health and Government Operations Committee
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Good afternoon Chair Pendergrass and members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee. I am Tammy Bresnahan. I am the Director of Advocacy for AARP Maryland. As you know, AARP Maryland is one of the largest membership-based organizations in the country. AARP Maryland and its more than 850,000 members support SB 677.

AARP is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, nationwide organization that fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities and protection from financial abuse.

This bill requires the Maryland Health Care Commission to post on its website a report the includes ownership, utilization, and financial data regarding licensed nursing homes.

Due to the high cost of long-term services and supports and the high demand for nursing homes, many older adults fear impoverishment and becoming a burden to their families. There is limited third-party coverage to ease this fear. As the baby boom generation ages, the need for these services will increase at a time where there will be fewer family caregivers to provide such care.

We believe a report of nursing homes may improve standards for the nursing home industry and improve health outcomes for consumers. For these reasons, we ask for a favorable report on SB 677. For follow up or questions please contact Tammy Bresnahan at tbresnahan@aarp.org or by calling 410-302-8451.

