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TO: House Health and Government Operations
FROM: LeadingAge Maryland
SUBJECT: House Bill 874, State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators - Requirements for Assisted Living Managers
DATE: February 22, 2024
POSITION: **Favorable**

LeadingAge Maryland supports House Bill 874, State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators - Requirements for Assisted Living Managers

LeadingAge Maryland is a community of more than 140 not-for-profit aging services organizations serving residents and clients through continuing care retirement communities, affordable senior housing, assisted living, nursing homes and home and community-based services. Members of LeadingAge Maryland provide health care, housing, and services to more than 20,000 older persons each year. Our mission is to be the trusted voice for aging in Maryland, and our vision is that Maryland is a state where older adults have access to the services they need, when they need them, in the place they call home.

House Bill 874 extends, from October 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026, the date by which individuals must be licensed by the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators before practicing as an assisted living manager in the State. The bill also alters the requirements for the manager training course that assisted living managers are required to complete as well as changes the requirements for serving as an interim assisted living manager.

Managing the licensure for assisted living managers will be a new responsibility for the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators. Under their previous role as State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, the Board oversaw the licensure of roughly 500 individuals. In this new capacity, the Board will be responsible for the licensure of more than 2,000 individuals. The delay in implantation of this change required by this bill is necessary to ensure that both the Board and licensees have appropriate time to prepare for the transition.

For these reasons, LeadingAge Maryland respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 874.

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