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**HB874 State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators - Requirements for Assisted Living
Manager**

Testimony of Delegate Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk

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Madam Vice Chair, and Health & Government Operations Committee members: I am honored to be here today. My name is Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and I am pleased to present House Bill 874, State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators - Requirements for Assisted Living Manager.

In 2022, this committee passed House Bill 1034 which renamed the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (BENHA) to the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators and required that the board must license an individual to practice as an assisted living manager in the State by October 1, 2024. In addition, the bill required managers in small homes to be required to take the 80-hour training, which they were previously exempted from taking.

This is a large undertaking, and we want to make sure that the Board has the necessary tools and resources to be successful in this task and that managers in the small homes are sufficiently aware of the new requirement and that they have time to complete it.

Therefore, House Bill 874 extends the time frame for the Board to license assisted living managers from October 1, 2024, until July 1, 2026, and provides the same timeframe to the managers working in small homes to take the course. The objective of the law is to guarantee that Long-Term Care Administrators in the state of Maryland have the necessary tools and training to assist people in need.

Other states like Delaware, New Jersey, and New York have already implemented requirements like this for their assisted living managers. These changes are necessary to ensure the best quality of care for Marylanders no matter the type of assisted living facility in which they reside. Thank you for the opportunity to present House Bill 874, and I request a favorable report.