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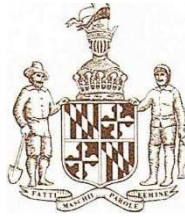
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**HB931 Health Care Facilities - Nursing Homes - Medical Director Requirements**

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Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee,

**HB931** strengthens oversight and quality of care in Maryland nursing homes by ensuring that physicians serving as medical directors hold appropriate certification or are actively pursuing it. It also establishes clear qualification standards that help ensure consistent, high-quality medical leadership across facilities. The bill requires physicians designated as medical directors to hold a Certified Medical Director (CMD) credential or an equivalent certification approved by the Department of Health, or demonstrate active progress toward obtaining it. It also sets a reasonable transition period for current medical directors to become certified, allowing flexibility while still moving toward higher standards of care.

**HB931** promotes transparency and accountability by directing the Maryland Department of Health to create and maintain a publicly accessible online directory of nursing home medical directors, including their credentials and certification status. This improves public trust, supports informed decision-making for families, and reinforces professional accountability within long-term care settings.

**HB931** helps protect vulnerable residents and promotes higher-quality care across Maryland's long-term care system by strengthening leadership qualifications, improving transparency, and supporting consistent standards in nursing home medical oversight.

An amendment is being worked out to remove the limitation of the number of facilities for which an individual can simultaneously serve as the medical director as the two facilities as specified in the bill is too restrictive.

I urge a favorable report.

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