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By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Assisted Living Programs - Licensure**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the term of licensure for an assisted living  
4 program is 2 years; and generally relating to licenses for assisted living  
5 programs.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Health - General  
8 Section 19-323(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Health - General**

14 19-323.

15 (a) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS  
16 SUBSECTION, A license for a related institution[, except for a nursing facility, or a  
17 nonaccredited hospital] expires on the first anniversary of its effective date, unless  
18 the license is renewed for a 1-year term as provided in this section.

19 (2) A license for an accredited hospital expires when the certificate of  
20 accreditation expires.

21 (3) A license for a nursing facility AND AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM  
22 AS DEFINED UNDER SUBTITLE 18 OF THIS TITLE shall be for a 2-year term.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
24 effect October 1, 1999.