

SENATE BILL 187

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By: **Senators Kelley, Madden, Bromwell, Exum, Hafer, Teitelbaum, Astle,  
and Dorman**

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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Assisted Living Programs - Small Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of extending a certain date before which the Secretary of Health and  
4 Mental Hygiene is prohibited from imposing sanctions under a certain provision  
5 of law or regulations adopted under it concerning assisted living programs that  
6 provide services to a certain maximum number of individuals unless certain  
7 circumstances occur; and generally relating to assisted living programs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Chapter 646 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998  
10 Section 1

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

13 **Chapter 646 of the Acts of 1998**

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That, notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 147 of the Acts of the  
16 General Assembly of 1996, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, prior to July  
17 1, [1999] 2000, may not impose any sanctions under that Act, or any regulation  
18 adopted under it, with respect to an assisted living program, as defined in § 19-801 of  
19 the Health-General Article, that provides services to 15 or fewer individuals, unless  
20 the actions of an assisted living program that provides services to 15 or fewer  
21 individuals have: (1) caused actual physical or emotional harm to a resident in the  
22 program; or (2) placed a resident in the program at risk of physical or emotional  
23 harm.

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