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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging - Assisted Living Programs - Subsidies**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Aging to provide certain monthly  
4 subsidies for the care of certain residents of assisted living programs who meet  
5 certain income requirements; limiting the amount and number of subsidies  
6 available to certain residents of assisted living programs; and generally relating  
7 to subsidies for residents of assisted living programs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 70B - Department of Aging  
10 Section 4(e)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article 70B - Department of Aging**

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17 (e) With respect to assisted living programs, as defined under § 19-1801 of the  
18 Health - General Article, the Secretary shall:

19 (1) Develop assisted living programs for the elderly, in conjunction with  
20 any public or private profit or nonprofit corporation or any State or federal agency;

21 (2) Make maximum use of rent and other subsidies available from  
22 federal and State sources and provide for subsidies necessary from State general  
23 funds to assist low income elderly individuals to reside in assisted living programs as  
24 an alternative to more costly, but not required, institutional care, INCLUDING  
25 MONTHLY SUBSIDIES FOR RESIDENTS OF ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS WHOSE  
26 ADJUSTED GROSS ANNUAL INCOME IS LESS THAN THEIR COST OF CARE FOR  
27 ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES, PROVIDED THAT:

1 (I) THE SUBSIDIES SHALL MEET THE CAP BETWEEN INCOME AND  
2 COST OF CARE TO A MAXIMUM OF \$600 PER MONTH; AND

3 (II) THE SUBSIDIES SHALL PROVIDE A MAXIMUM OF 500 ASSISTED  
4 LIVING PLACEMENTS AT ANY ONE PERIOD OF TIME;

5 (3) Find sponsors for assisted living programs;

6 (4) Assist developers in formulating design concepts and meeting  
7 program needs;

8 (5) When necessary and in accordance with available funds, provide  
9 subsidies for congregate meals, housekeeping, and personal services for assisted  
10 living programs and develop eligibility requirements in connection with these  
11 subsidies;

12 (6) Adopt regulations governing eligibility requirements for subsidies;  
13 and

14 (7) Review the compliance of assisted living programs with the  
15 regulations adopted by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for licensing  
16 these programs to operate in the State.

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