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By: **Delegate Fulton**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of Planning - Annual Survey and Map of Group Homes**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Planning to annually survey certain  
4 governmental units and compile certain information on group homes located  
5 around the State; defining a certain term; requiring the Office to create a  
6 color-coded map that illustrates the location of the different categories of group  
7 homes within the State; requiring the General Assembly, the State, and local  
8 jurisdictions to use the data and map for certain purposes; and generally  
9 relating to determining the location of the various categories of group homes  
10 within the State.

11 BY renumbering  
12 Article - State Finance and Procurement  
13 Section 5-309  
14 to be Section 5-310  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article - State Finance and Procurement  
19 Section 5-309  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
23 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5-309 of Article - State Finance and Procurement of  
24 the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5-310.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
26 read as follows:



1 (I) THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE GROUP HOME IS LOCATED;

2 (II) IF IT IS LOCATED IN A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, THE  
3 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN WHICH THE GROUP HOME IS LOCATED;

4 (III) THE PURPOSE OF THE GROUP HOME;

5 (IV) THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN THE GROUP HOME  
6 FOR THE MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEAR;

7 (V) THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN THE GROUP HOME  
8 FOR THE MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEAR; AND

9 (VI) THE LOCATION OF THE NEAREST GROUP HOME THAT SERVES  
10 THE SAME PURPOSE FOR THE SAME POPULATION OF POTENTIAL RESIDENTS.

11 (C) THE OFFICE SHALL USE THE INFORMATION GATHERED UNDER THIS  
12 SECTION TO COORDINATE THE PREPARATION OF A COLOR-CODED MAP TO  
13 ILLUSTRATE THE LOCATION OF THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF GROUP HOMES  
14 WITHIN THE STATE.

15 (D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, THE OFFICE  
16 SHALL REPORT THE INFORMATION GATHERED AND FORWARD THE MAP PREPARED  
17 TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

18 (E) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE STATE, AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS SHALL  
19 USE THE MAP AND INFORMATION GATHERED TO ENSURE THAT GROUP HOMES ARE  
20 NOT LOCATED IN A MANNER THAT:

21 (1) UNDULY INTERFERES WITH THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF  
22 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN ANY JURISDICTION OR NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE STATE;  
23 OR

24 (2) UNREASONABLY THREATENS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE  
25 RESIDENTS OF ANY JURISDICTION OR NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE STATE.

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2000.