

HOUSE BILL 749

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nursing Homes - Quality of Care - Inspections**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Health Care Quality in the Department of  
4 Health and Mental Hygiene to make a site visit and a full survey of each  
5 licensed nursing home at least a certain number of times per year; exempting  
6 certain nursing homes from certain site visits and surveys under certain  
7 circumstances; requiring all surveys to be unannounced; and generally relating  
8 to inspections of nursing homes.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Health - General  
11 Section 19-1410 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 14. Nursing Homes"  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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Article - Health - General

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Subtitle 14. Nursing Homes [- Civil Money Penalties].

3 19-1410.

4 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE A SITE VISIT AND CONDUCT A FULL  
5 SURVEY OF EACH LICENSED NURSING HOME AT LEAST ~~FOUR~~ TWO TIMES PER  
6 CALENDAR YEAR.

7 (B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A)  
8 OF THIS SECTION FOR A NURSING HOME THAT IN THE TWO MOST RECENT SURVEYS  
9 OF THE NURSING HOME CONDUCTED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000, HAS HAD NO  
10 DEFICIENCIES THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR MINIMUM HARM OR GREATER.

11 ~~(B)~~ (C) ALL SURVEYS SHALL BE UNANNOUNCED.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2000.