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By: **Senators Kasemeyer and Kelley**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Continuing Care Communities - Certificate of Need Exemption -**  
3 **Comprehensive Care Nursing Beds**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the number of comprehensive care nursing beds a  
5 continuing care community may maintain to qualify for an exemption from a  
6 certificate of need; requiring a certain report by the Department of Health and  
7 Mental Hygiene by a certain date; and generally relating to comprehensive care  
8 nursing beds and exemptions from certificate of need requirements for  
9 continuing care communities.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Health - General  
12 Section 19-114(e)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 19-114.

19 (e) (1) "Health care facility" means:

20 (i) A hospital, as defined in § 19-301(g) of this title;

21 (ii) A limited service hospital, as defined in § 19-301(e) of this title;

22 (iii) A related institution, as defined in § 19-301 of this title;

23 (iv) An ambulatory surgical facility;

24 (v) An inpatient facility that is organized primarily to help in the  
25 rehabilitation of disabled individuals, through an integrated program of medical and  
26 other services provided under competent professional supervision;

- 1 (vi) A home health agency, as defined in § 19-401 of this title;
- 2 (vii) A hospice, as defined in § 19-901 of this title; and
- 3 (viii) Any other health institution, service, or program for which this
- 4 Part II of this subtitle requires a certificate of need.

5 (2) "Health care facility" does not include:

6 (i) A hospital or related institution that is operated, or is listed and

7 certified, by the First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts;

8 (ii) For the purpose of providing an exemption from a certificate of

9 need under § 19-123 of this subtitle, a facility to provide comprehensive care

10 constructed by a provider of continuing care, as defined by Article 70B of the Code, if:

11 1. Except as provided under § 19-125.1 of this subtitle, the

12 facility is for the exclusive use of the provider's subscribers who have executed

13 continuing care agreements for the purpose of utilizing independent living units or

14 assisted living units within the continuing care community;

15 2. [The number of comprehensive care nursing beds in the

16 facility does not exceed 20 percent of the number of independent living units at the

17 continuing care community; and

18 3.] The facility is located on the campus of the continuing care

19 community; AND

20 3. THE NUMBER OF COMPREHENSIVE CARE NURSING BEDS

21 IN THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT EXCEED:

22 A. 24 PERCENT OF THE NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT LIVING

23 UNITS IN A COMMUNITY HAVING LESS THAN 300 INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS; OR

24 B. 20 PERCENT OF THE NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT LIVING

25 UNITS IN A COMMUNITY HAVING 300 OR MORE INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS;

26 (iii) Except for a facility to provide kidney transplant services or

27 programs, a kidney disease treatment facility, as defined by rule or regulation of the

28 United States Department of Health and Human Services;

29 (iv) Except for kidney transplant services or programs, the kidney

30 disease treatment stations and services provided by or on behalf of a hospital or

31 related institution; or

32 (v) The office of one or more individuals licensed to practice

33 dentistry under Title 4 of the Health Occupations Article, for the purposes of

34 practicing dentistry.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of

36 Health and Mental Hygiene shall report on the effects of the provisions of this Act on

1 the long-term care industry, along with any findings and recommendations, as  
2 provided in § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly and to  
3 the Governor on or before January 1, 2002.

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