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By: **Senators Collins, Hollinger, and Teitelbaum (Task Force on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes)**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2000

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

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; requiring all
6 surveys to be unannounced; and generally relating to inspections of nursing
7 homes.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Health - General

10 Section 19-1410 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 14. Nursing Homes"

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Health - General**

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

17 19-1410.

18 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE A SITE VISIT AND CONDUCT A FULL
19 SURVEY OF EACH LICENSED NURSING HOME AT LEAST FOUR TIMES PER CALENDAR
20 YEAR.

21 (B) ALL SURVEYS SHALL BE UNANNOUNCED.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

23 October 1, 2000.