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A BILL ENTITLED

2	Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program - Appointment of an Ombudsman fo

a Nursing Home Resident

- 4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Aging to delegate the authority to the
- 5 Maryland Long-Term Care Ombudsman and to the director of a local office of
- aging to appoint an Ombudsman for a confused nursing home resident under
- 7 certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary to establish and budget for
- 8 certain staffing ratios; and generally relating to the Ombudsman Program for
- 9 nursing homes.

1 AN ACT concerning

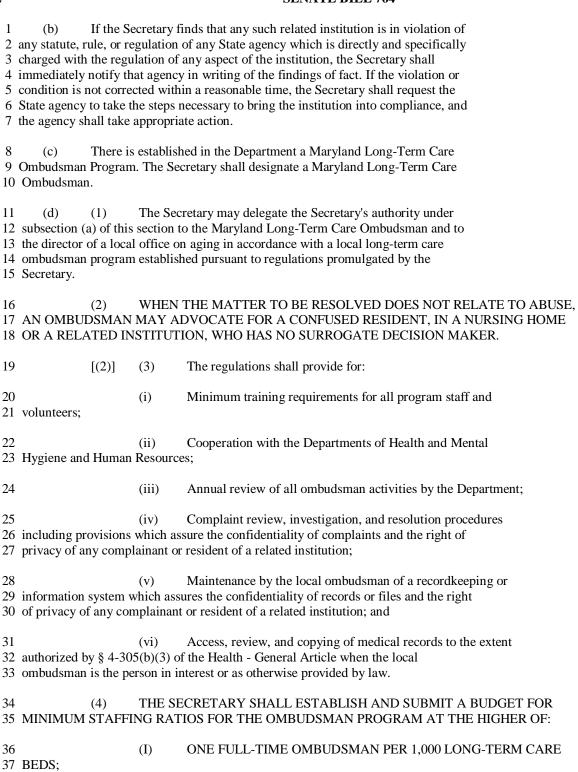
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- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 11 Article 70B Department of Aging
- 12 Section 5(a), (b), and (c)
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 16 Article 70B Department of Aging
- 17 Section 5(d)
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 Article 70B - Department of Aging

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- 24 (a) The Secretary shall receive, investigate, and seek to resolve complaints
- 25 concerning the operations of related institutions, as defined in § 19-301 of the Health
- 26 General Article, and the Secretary may, on the Secretary's own motion, make
- 27 on-site visits to determine if these institutions are in compliance with applicable
- 28 laws, rules, and regulations.



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- (II) 1 20 HOURS OF OMBUDSMAN TIME PER WEEK PER AREA AGENCY; 2 OR
- 3 4 HOME. (III) 10 HOURS OF OMBUDSMAN TIME PER WEEK PER NURSING

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