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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Private Group Homes - Notice to Police and Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant seeking approval to establish a private
4 group home to provide a statement on the application that certain law
5 enforcement agencies and certain schools have been notified of the intent to
6 establish the private group home; and generally relating to private group homes.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Health - General
9 Section 7-610
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article - Health - General**

15 7-610.

16 (a) An applicant for certificate of approval shall submit an application to the
17 Department on the form that the Secretary requires.

18 (b) The application shall:

19 (1) Be signed and verified by the applicant; and

20 (2) Provide the information that the Secretary requires, including:

21 (i) The name and address of the applicant;

22 (ii) The street address of the property where the private group
23 home is to be located or, if no address, a description which identifies the property;

24 (iii) If the applicant does not own the property, the name of the
25 owner;

1 (iv) A statement that the applicant will comply with the laws, rules,
2 and regulations that relate to the establishing and operating of private group homes
3 under this subtitle;

4 (v) A statement that the applicant has sufficient resources to
5 establish a private group home, or that those resources are available to the applicant;
6 [and]

7 (vi) A statement that the applicant's facilities meet the federal
8 regulation requirements on program accessibility (45 C.F.R. §§ 84.21 through 84.23);
9 AND

10 (VII) A STATEMENT THAT THE APPLICANT HAS SENT, BY CERTIFIED
11 MAIL, NOTIFICATION OF THE APPLICANT'S INTENT TO ESTABLISH THE FACILITY TO:

12 1. THE HEAD OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH
13 PRIMARY JURISDICTION OVER THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THE FACILITY
14 IS LOCATED; AND

15 2. THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL WHICH A RESIDENT OF
16 THE GROUP HOME WILL ATTEND.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2001.