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By: **Senators Hollinger, Bromwell, Hoffman, Collins, Middleton, Forehand,  
Teitelbaum, and Astle**

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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging - Assisted Living Programs - Subsidies**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Aging to provide certain monthly  
4 subsidies for the care of certain residents of assisted living programs who meet  
5 certain income requirements; limiting the amount and requiring a certain  
6 minimum number of subsidies available to certain residents of assisted living  
7 programs; and generally relating to subsidies for residents of assisted living  
8 programs.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 70B - Department of Aging  
11 Section 4(d)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 70B - Department of Aging**

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18 (d) With respect to assisted living programs, as defined under § 19-1801 of the  
19 Health - General Article, the Secretary shall:

20 (1) Develop assisted living programs for the elderly, in conjunction with  
21 any public or private profit or nonprofit corporation or any State or federal agency;

22 (2) Make maximum use of rent and other subsidies available from  
23 federal and State sources and provide for subsidies necessary from State general  
24 funds to assist low income elderly individuals to reside in assisted living programs as  
25 an alternative to more costly, but not required, institutional care, INCLUDING, WHEN  
26 NECESSARY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS, MONTHLY SUBSIDIES  
27 FOR RESIDENTS OF ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS WHOSE ADJUSTED GROSS ANNUAL

1 INCOME IS LESS THAN THEIR COST OF CARE FOR ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES,  
2 PROVIDED THAT THE SUBSIDIES:

3 (I) MEET THE GAP BETWEEN INCOME AND COST OF CARE TO A  
4 MAXIMUM OF \$650 PER MONTH; AND

5 (II) PROVIDE NOT LESS THAN 1,000 ASSISTED LIVING PLACEMENTS  
6 AT ANY ONE PERIOD OF TIME;

7 (3) Find sponsors for assisted living programs;

8 (4) Assist developers in formulating design concepts and meeting  
9 program needs;

10 (5) When necessary and in accordance with available funds, provide  
11 subsidies for congregate meals, housekeeping, and personal services for assisted  
12 living programs and develop eligibility requirements in connection with these  
13 subsidies;

14 (6) Adopt regulations governing eligibility requirements for subsidies;  
15 and

16 (7) Review the compliance of assisted living programs with the  
17 regulations adopted by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for licensing  
18 these programs to operate in the State.

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