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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Continuing Care Retirement Communities**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Continuing Care Retirement
4 Communities; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the
5 Task Force to elect a chairman from among its members; providing for the
6 staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member from receiving certain
7 compensation and authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive certain
8 reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to study licensing requirements for
9 executive directors, placement of the resident association as a standing
10 committee of a governing body, representation by residents on certain
11 subcommittees, certain shareholder rights residents, certain admission criteria
12 to an independent living unit, certain mediation proceedings between a
13 governing body and residents, certain notice to residents about programs, and
14 expansion of a certain ombudsman program; requiring the Task Force to make
15 certain recommendations; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and
16 recommendations to certain committees on or before a certain date; providing
17 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
18 Continuing Care Retirement Communities.

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That:

21 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Continuing Care Retirement Communities.

22 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

23 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
24 the Senate;

25 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
26 the House;

27 (3) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

28 (4) two representatives from the Maryland Continuing Care Residents'
29 Association, designated by the Maryland Continuing Care Residents' Association; and

1 (5) two representatives from Mid-Atlantic Life Span, designated by
2 Mid-Atlantic Life Span.

3 (c) The Task Force shall elect a chairman from among its members.

4 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task
5 Force.

6 (e) A member of the Task Force:

7 (1) may not receive compensation; but

8 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
9 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

10 (f) (1) The Task Force shall study:

11 (i) licensing requirements for executive directors of continuing care
12 retirement communities;

13 (ii) placement of the resident association executive board as a
14 standing committee of the governing body of a continuing care retirement community;

15 (iii) representation by residents on subcommittees of the governing
16 body of a continuing care retirement community;

17 (iv) shareholder rights for residents in the corporation operating the
18 continuing care retirement community;

19 (v) admission criteria to an independent living unit of a continuing
20 care retirement community, including physical and mental abilities of residents;

21 (vi) mediation proceedings between a governing body of a
22 continuing care retirement community and residents upon disagreement of a proposal
23 or action;

24 (vii) notice to residents about programs that will have a substantial
25 financial impact on residents; and

26 (viii) expansion of the Long Term Care Ombudsman program in the
27 Department of Aging to include issues in a continuing care retirement community.

28 (2) The Task Force shall make recommendations based on its study of
29 issues described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

30 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
31 Senate Finance Committee and House Health and Government Operations
32 Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before
33 December 31, 2004.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June
3 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
4 abrogated and of no further force and effect.