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By: **Senator Astle**

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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 admission criteria to an independent living unit, certain  
12 mediation proceedings between a governing body and residents, and expansion  
13 of a certain ombudsman program; requiring the Task Force to make certain  
14 recommendations; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and  
15 recommendations to certain committees on or before a certain date; providing  
16 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study  
17 Continuing Care Retirement Communities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (4) two representatives from the Maryland Continuing Care Residents'  
28 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) admission criteria to an independent living unit of a continuing  
18 care retirement community, including physical and mental abilities of residents;

19 (v) mediation proceedings between a governing body of a  
20 continuing care retirement community and residents upon disagreement of a proposal  
21 or action; and

22 (vi) expansion of the Long Term Care Ombudsman program in the  
23 Department of Aging to include issues in a continuing care retirement community.

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

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

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June  
32 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
33 abrogated and of no further force and effect.