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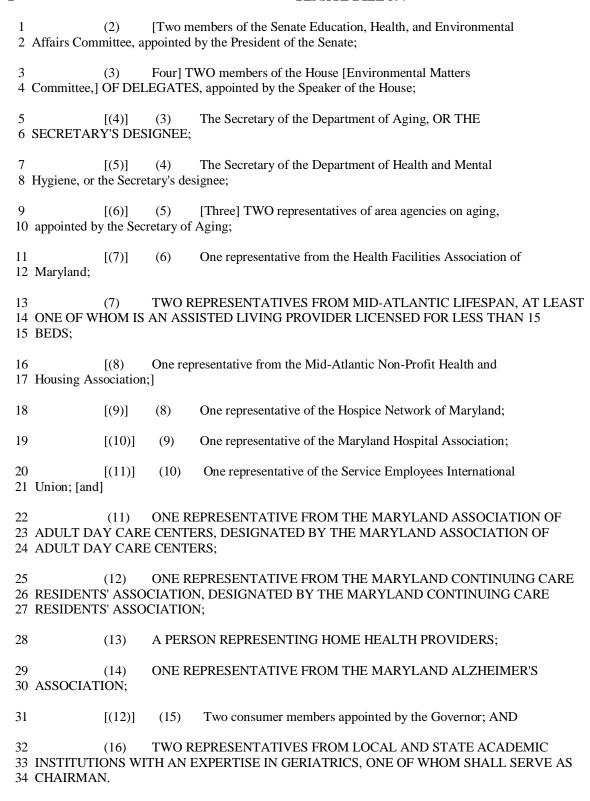
2 Long-Term Care Advisory Committee

- 3 FOR the purpose of changing the name of the Oversight Committee on Quality of
- 4 Care in Nursing Homes to the Long-Term Care Advisory Committee; altering
- 5 the membership of the Committee; altering the duties of the Committee;
- 6 altering certain reporting requirements; repealing a certain termination
- 7 provision; and generally relating to long-term care and the Long-Term Care
- 8 Advisory Committee.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Health General
- 11 Section 19-1409
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Chapter 216 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000
- 16 Section 2
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 Article - Health - General

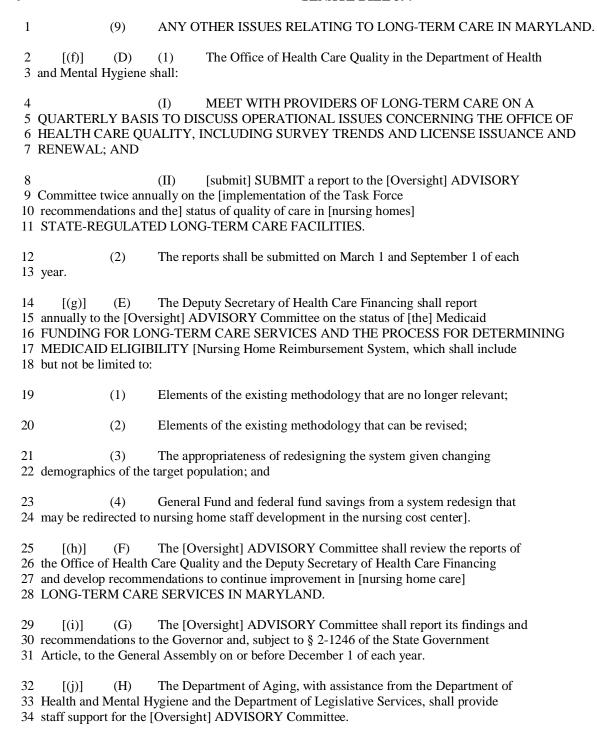
- 20 19-1409.
- 21 (a) There is [an] A LONG-TERM CARE [Oversight] ADVISORY Committee [on
- 22 Quality of Care in Nursing Homes].
- 23 (b) The [Oversight] ADVISORY Committee shall consist of the following
- 24 members:
- 25 (1) Two members of the Senate [Finance Committee], appointed by the
- 26 President of the Senate;

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1 [(c)]The Secretary of Aging shall chair the Oversight Committee. 2 (d) The Oversight Committee shall monitor and evaluate implementation of 3 the recommendations of the Task Force on Quality of Care in Nursing Facilities, 4 created pursuant to Chapters 382 and 383 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999 5 and relevant legislation enacted subsequent to the recommendations of the Task 6 Force. 7 (e) The Oversight Committee shall evaluate the progress in improving 8 nursing home care quality statewide, including consideration of: 9 (1) Quality of care standards for nursing homes; 10 (2) Staffing patterns and staffing standards; 11 (3) Policies and procedures for inspecting nursing homes and responding 12 to quality of care complaints; 13 (4) A comparison of Maryland standards, policies, and procedures to 14 those in other states; 15 The labor pool available to fill nursing and nursing aide jobs; and (5) State funding mechanisms for nursing homes, including the Medicaid 17 Nursing Home Reimbursement System, and regulation of nursing homes.] THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW AND COMMENT ON ISSUES 18 19 RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE, INCLUDING: 20 (1) QUALITY AND ACCESS TO LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES; 21 QUALITY OF CARE AT FACILITIES PROVIDING LONG-TERM CARE 22 SERVICES: THE AVAILABILITY AND COVERAGE OF LONG-TERM CARE 23 24 INSURANCE; 25 (4) THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; 26 ANY PROPOSED STATE REGULATION AFFECTING LONG-TERM CARE (5) 27 PROVIDERS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, 28 EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW; THE COSTS OF LONG-TERM CARE; 29 (6)30 THE STATE'S ROLE IN REGULATING CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT 31 COMMUNITIES; THE STATUS OF MANDATED SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE 33 OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY IN THE DEPARTMENT; AND

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Chapter 216 of the Acts of 2000

- 2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 3 October 1, 2000. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 3 months and, at 4 the end of December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General
- 5 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 7 October 1, 2004.