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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 608

(Senators Brinkley and Mooney)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

Frederick County - Nursing or Convalescent Homes

This bill authorizes the Frederick County Commissioners to establish, maintain, and operate a nursing or convalescent home or homes and any other facilities and services for the proper care and treatment of the aged, convalescent, or chronically ill.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County finances would not be affected by granting authority to the Frederick County Commissioners to establish, maintain, and operate a nursing or convalescent home or homes and any other facilities and services for the proper care and treatment of the aged, convalescent, or chronically ill.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Frederick County Commissioners may establish a citizens nursing home board. If a board is established, the commissioners are required to appoint 10 members to the board. The board is required to establish, maintain, and operate a nursing or convalescent home or homes and any other facilities and services for the proper care and treatment of the aged, convalescent, or chronically ill. The terms of board members are staggered and board members are required to serve without compensation. This bill does not change these provisions.

Background: The Frederick County Citizens Nursing Home was established in 1976; is owned and sponsored by Frederick County; is maintained and operated by the Board of Trustees of the Citizens Nursing Home; has 170 beds for the aged, convalescent, or chronically ill; and provides 24-hour licensed care nursing care for people who require inpatient services. In fiscal 2003, the Frederick County Citizens Nursing Home had an operating budget of \$10.4 million, and the county commissioners provided \$1.3 million in general funds to the nursing home.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 282 (Frederick County Delegation) – Health and Government Operations.

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