
By: **Delegate McComas**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Assisted Living Programs - Services and Facilities Search Engine**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to develop a certain
4 web page with a certain search engine to assist certain consumers in finding
5 certain assisted living services and facilities; requiring the Office to model a
6 certain search engine on certain information provided in a certain report;
7 requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain
8 regulations; and generally relating to an assisted living program services and
9 facilities search engine.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Health - General

12 Section 19-1808

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 19-1808.

19 (A) THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY SHALL DEVELOP A WEB PAGE
20 WITH A SEARCH ENGINE THAT AIDS A CONSUMER OF ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES IN
21 FINDING AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM IN THE STATE THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF
22 THE CONSUMER.

23 (B) THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY SHALL MODEL THE SEARCH
24 ENGINE ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN APPENDIX II OF THE FEDERAL
25 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING OFFICE REPORT GAO-04-684.

26 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE
27 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2005.