

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 177 (Delegate Hixson)  
Health and Government Operations

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**Health Care Facilities - Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes - Additional Duties and Sunset Extension**

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This bill requires the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes, as part of its oversight functions, to take into consideration the quality of care received by the mentally ill in nursing homes when evaluating the progress in improving nursing home care quality. The bill extends the committee's termination date from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2006.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The continuation of the oversight committee and studying quality of care received by the mentally ill in nursing homes could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the agencies that staff the commission. No effect on revenues.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes was created in 2000. The committee monitors and evaluates implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Quality of Care in Nursing Facilities, created pursuant to Chapters 382 and 383 of 1999, as well as the progress in improving nursing home care quality statewide. The committee is staffed by the Department of Aging,

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and Department of Legislative Services. It is scheduled to terminate December 31, 2005.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Office of Health Care Quality, Medicaid), Department of Legislative Services

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