

**HB0594/316686/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 594  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Maryland Medical Assistance Program” and substitute “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene”; in line 3, after “Impairments” insert “– Study and Analysis”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through the first “and” in line 8 and substitute “requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to conduct a certain study and analysis of options available to the State to increase access to certain long-term care services for certain individuals with cognitive and functional impairments; requiring the Department to submit certain reports to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Department of Health and Mental Hygiene study and analysis of increasing options for accessing”; strike in their entirety lines 10 through 19, inclusive; and in line 21, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 25 on page 3, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 25, insert:

“(a) (1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with interested stakeholders, shall conduct a study and a comprehensive analysis of the options that may be available to the State to increase access to long-term services, including home- and community-based services such as adult medical day care, for individuals at high risk of institutionalization because of cognitive impairments,

(Over)

mental illness, traumatic brain injury, or other conditions, who meet financial eligibility criteria in effect as of June 1, 2007.

(2) The study and analysis shall include:

(i) a review of the practices of other states regarding the provision of long-term care services;

(ii) a determination of the feasibility of developing criteria for an alternative level of care;

(iii) a determination of the feasibility of increasing access to long-term care services through the Federal Deficit Reduction Act, the State Plan Amendments, the Older Adults Waiver, and other options available to the State; and

(iv) a cost-benefit analysis of the options examined, including the projected long-term savings to the State realized by the delay or reduction in need for the provision of care in hospitals or other institutional settings.

(b) The Department shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee:

(1) an interim report on or before October 1, 2007; and

(2) a final report on or before December 1, 2007.”;

and in line 27, after “2007.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.