

HOUSE BILL 965

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By: **Delegates Conway, Cane, Donoghue, Elmore, and Mathias**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2007

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Respite Bed Study – Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the date by which the Department of Health and
4 Mental Hygiene shall provide a certain report to certain committees of the
5 General Assembly; and generally relating to a study of respite beds in the State
6 by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Chapter 178 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004
9 Section 3

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

12 **Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2004**

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of
14 Health and Mental Hygiene shall study the demand for respite beds in the State
15 residential centers and, as part of the study, determine how many beds could
16 potentially be reserved for respite care. On or before January 1, [2007] **2012**, the
17 Department shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government
18 Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government
19 Operations Committee on the results of its study.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2007.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

