

SENATE BILL 861

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By: **Senator Pugh**

Introduced and read first time: February 19, 2007

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force – Urban Senior Care Communities**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Developing
4 Urban Senior Care Communities; specifying the membership of the Task Force;
5 specifying the duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task
6 Force; providing that members of the Task Force may receive reimbursement
7 for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to issue a certain report by a
8 certain date to the Senate Finance Committee; providing for the termination of
9 this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force on urban senior care
10 communities.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Developing Urban
14 Senior Care Communities.

15 (b) The Task Force consists of the following seven members:

16 (1) three members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental
17 Hygiene;

18 (2) three members appointed by the Secretary of Housing and
19 Community Development; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) one member appointed by the Senator from the 40th legislative
2 district.

3 (c) The chair of the Task Force shall be elected by the members of the Task
4 Force.

5 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide the staff for the
6 Task Force.

7 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on
8 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
9 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

10 (f) The responsibilities of the Task Force include:

11 (1) studying the feasibility of developing senior care facilities in an
12 urban setting;

13 (2) investigating the use of tax credits to provide incentives for the
14 private sector to develop senior care facilities; and

15 (3) investigating the use of Medicaid or Medicare funding for health
16 care services needed by seniors at senior care facilities.

17 (g) The Task Force shall submit a final report of the findings and
18 recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee on or before December 31, 2007.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of one year and, at the end of June
21 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
22 abrogated and of no further force and effect.