

**SB0545/593122/1**

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 545  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 16, after “circumstances;” insert “authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to use certain funds for certain purposes; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 21, strike “\$1,000,000” and substitute “\$2,000,000”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 35, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 19–310.1 of the Health – General Article or any other provision of law, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may use \$8,500,000 of General Funds and \$8,500,000 of Federal Funds currently allocated for nursing home reimbursements in the fiscal year 2009 budget to fund an increase in utilization of long-term care services resulting from any changes in the level of care used to determine medical assistance eligibility. On or before November 1, 2008, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit a report to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee concerning the changes made in the level of care, the number of additional individuals eligible for care as a result of the changes, and the fiscal implications of the change.”;

and in line 36, strike “4.”, and substitute “5.”.