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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 807
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Hubbard” and substitute “Hubbard, Donoghue, Kach, McDonough, Montgomery, and Riley”; in line 9, after the second “the” insert “Governor and”; and in line 10, strike “a certain date” and substitute “certain dates”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 4, strike “and”; after line 4, insert:

“(7) The Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission, or the Executive Director’s designee; and”;

in line 5, strike “(7)” and substitute “(8)”; strike beginning with “One” in line 6 down through “community” in line 10 and substitute “A practicing Maryland attorney who has expertise in health care and has represented nursing homes in Maryland;

(ii) One representative of each of the following providers:

1. Continuing care retirement community;
2. Independently owned nursing facility;
3. Nonprofit nursing facility;
4. Direct care nursing home workers; and
5. Entity that owns three or more nursing facilities; and

(Over)

(iii) One representative of each of the following organizations:

1. Health Facilities Association of Maryland;

2. Mid-Atlantic Lifespan;

3. AARP;

4. Alzheimer's Association;

5. United Seniors of Maryland;

6. A financial institution that specializes in health care financing; and

7. Voices for Quality Care”;

strike beginning with “Disclosure” in line 20 down through “(4)” in line 25 and substitute “Whether there are trends in ownership of long-term care facilities in Maryland in comparison to any national trends regarding long-term care facility ownership;

(2) Whether any trends in long-term care facility ownership impact the quality of care offered to residents of long-term care facilities;

(3) Whether the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene should assert limitations or restrictions on certain types of ownership of long-term care facilities;

(4) Whether current laws governing ownership of long-term care facilities should be amended;

(5)”;

in line 26, after “insurance” insert “; and

(6) Funding mechanisms for implementing recommendations of the Task Force that would require a State agency or division to acquire specific resources or expertise to address issues raised by the Task Force”;

in line 27, before “On” insert “(1)”; in the same line, strike “December 1” and substitute “July 1”; in the same line, strike “a final” and substitute “an interim”; and after line 29, insert:

“(2) On or before June 1, 2010, the Task Force shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.