

# HOUSE BILL 807

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By: **Delegates James, Haynes, and Hubbard**  
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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term Care Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to  
4 Long-Term Care Facilities; providing for the membership and duties of the  
5 Task Force; providing for the designation of cochairs of the Task Force;  
6 requiring the Department of Legislative Services to provide staff for the Task  
7 Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving certain  
8 compensation; authorizing a member to receive certain reimbursement;  
9 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the  
10 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of  
11 this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to study financial matters  
12 relating to long-term care facilities.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term  
16 Care Facilities.

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

18 (1) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, including one member of  
19 the Senate Finance Committee and one member of the Senate Budget and Taxation  
20 Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

21 (2) Two members of the House of Delegates, including one member  
22 from the House Health and Government Operations Committee and one member from  
23 the House Appropriations Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

24 (3) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (4) The Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;
- 2 (5) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
3 designee;
- 4 (6) The Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee; and
- 5 (7) The following members, appointed by the Governor:
- 6 (i) One representative of the Health Facilities Association of  
7 Maryland;
- 8 (ii) One representative of Mid-Atlantic Lifespan; and
- 9 (iii) One representative of a continuing care retirement  
10 community.
- 11 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates  
12 jointly shall designate a Senator and Delegate each to serve as cochairs.
- 13 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task  
14 Force.
- 15 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving as  
16 a member of the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the  
17 Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 18 (f) The Task Force shall study financial matters relating to long-term care  
19 facilities, including:
- 20 (1) Disclosure of ownership of long-term care facilities;
- 21 (2) Expanding the definition of controlling interest based on shifts in  
22 ownership structures to include all subsidiary operators;
- 23 (3) Developing financial triggers under which long-term care facilities  
24 must disclose impending financial difficulty; and
- 25 (4) Whether long-term care facilities should be required to have  
26 liability insurance.
- 27 (g) On or before December 1, 2009, the Task Force shall submit a final report  
28 of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246  
29 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,

1 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.