

SENATE BILL 682

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By: **Senator Middleton**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2008

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Assistance Program - Long-Term Care Eligibility - Consolidation**
3 **Plan**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the
5 Department of Human Resources, in consultation with certain groups, to
6 develop a certain plan; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
7 and the Department of Human Resources to submit a certain report to the
8 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally
9 relating to the Medical Assistance Program and eligibility for long-term care
10 services.

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

13 (a) (1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the
14 Department of Human Resources, in consultation with LifeSpan Network and the
15 Health Facilities Association of Maryland, shall develop a plan to integrate the
16 functions necessary for the determination of Medical Assistance Program eligibility for
17 long-term care services.

18 (2) The plan conducted under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall:

19 (i) transfer the workforce employed by the Department of
20 Human Resources, including the local departments of social services, who determine
21 long-term care Medical Assistance Program eligibility to the Department of Health
22 and Mental Hygiene;

23 (ii) create uniform procedures, guidelines, and forms to be
24 utilized by all employees in the determination of long-term care Medical Assistance
25 Program eligibility; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) streamline regulations, policies, and procedures related to
2 the application for long-term care Medical Assistance Program services.

3 (b) On or before November 1, 2008, the Department of Health and Mental
4 Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources shall submit a report on the
5 implementation of the plan required under subsection (a) of this section to the
6 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
7 General Assembly.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2008