## **HOUSE BILL 384**

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J3, O2 **CF SB 655** By: Delegates James and Riley, Riley, Benson, McDonough, and Nathan-Pulliam Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2010 Assigned to: Health and Government Operations Committee Report: Favorable with amendments House action: Adopted Read second time: March 3, 2010 CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ AN ACT concerning Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term Care Facilities - Extension FOR the purpose of extending the termination date of the Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term Care Facilities; altering certain dates by which certain reports are required to be submitted; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term Care Facilities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 672 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 12

MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 13

## Chapter 672 of the Acts of 2008

- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 15 MARYLAND, That: 16
- 17 There is a Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term (a) Care Facilities. 18

## EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

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1	(b)	The '	Task F	orce consi	ists of the	e followir	ng m	nembers:			
2 3	President o	(1) f the S		member	of the	Senate	of	Maryland,	appointed	by	the
4 5	of the Hous	(2) e;	One	member (	of the Ho	ouse of D	eleg	gates, appoi	nted by the	Spea	aker
6		(3)	The A	Attorney (	General,	or the At	ttorr	ney General	's designee;		
7		(4)	The	Secretary	of Aging	, or the S	Secre	etary's desig	gnee;		
8 9	designee;	(5)	The	Secretary	of Heal	th and I	Men	tal Hygiene	e, or the Se	creta	ary's
10		(6)	The	Secretary	of Disab	ilities, or	the	Secretary's	designee;		
11 12	or the Exec	(7) utive I				of the I	Mary	yland Healt	h Care Com	ımiss	sion,
13		(8)	The t	following	members	, appoin	ted l	oy the Gove	rnor:		
14 15	care and ha	ıs repr	(i) esente	_	_	-		ney who has	s expertise i	n he	alth
16			(ii)	One rep	resentat	ive of eac	eh of	the following	ng providers	3:	
17				1. C	ontinuin	g care re	etire	ment comm	unity;		
18				2. In	ndepende	ently owr	ned 1	nursing faci	lity;		
19				3. N	Ionprofit	nursing	faci	lity;			
20				4. D	irect car	e nursin	g ho	me workers	; and		
21				5. E	antity tha	t owns t	hree	e or more nu	rsing facilit	ies; a	and
22			(iii)	One rep	resentat	ive of eac	eh of	the following	ng organiza	tions	s:
23				1. H	lealth Fa	cilities A	Assoc	ciation of M	aryland;		
24				2. N	Iid–Atlar	ntic Lifes	span	;			
25				3. A	ARP;						
26				4. A	lzheimer	's Associ	atio	n;			

1	5. United Seniors of Maryland;
2 3	6. A financial institution that specializes in health care financing; and
4	7. Voices for Quality Care.
5 6	(c) The Senate member and the House of Delegates member shall serve as cochairs.
7 8	(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.
9 10 11	(e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving as a member of the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
12 13	(f) The Task Force shall study financial matters relating to long-term care facilities, including:
14 15 16	(1) 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;
17 18	(2) Whether any trends in long-term care facility ownership impact the quality of care offered to residents of long-term care facilities;
19 20 21	(3) Whether the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene should assert limitations or restrictions on certain types of ownership of long-term care facilities;
22 23	(4) Whether current laws governing ownership of long-term care facilities should be amended;
24 $25$	(5) Whether long-term care facilities should be required to have liability insurance; and
26 27 28	(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.
29 30 31	(g) (1) On or before July 1, [2009] <b>2011</b> , the Task Force shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

	President of the Senate.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.
	Governor.
	Approved:
,	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take eff- June 1, 2010.
	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take eff July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of [2] 4 years and, at the end of July 30, [2010] <b>2012</b> , with no further action required by the General Assembly, this shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
	final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accorda with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.