## **SENATE BILL 655**

J3, O2 0 lr 3 14 8CF HB 384 By: Senator Lenett Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2010 Assigned to: Finance Committee Report: Favorable Senate action: Adopted Read second time: March 2, 2010 CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term Care Facilities 3 - Extension FOR the purpose of extending the termination date of the Task Force to Study 4 5 Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term Care Facilities; altering certain dates 6 by which certain reports are required to be submitted; and generally relating to 7 the Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term Care Facilities. 8 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 10 Chapter 672 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008 Section 1 and 2 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 12 13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 14 Chapter 672 of the Acts of 2008 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 15 16 MARYLAND, That: 17 There is a Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term (a) 18 Care Facilities. 19 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

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

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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

$\frac{1}{2}$	(1) President of the S		member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
3 4	(2) of the House;	One	nember of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
5	(3)	The A	attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;
6	(4)	The S	ecretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;
7 8	(5) designee;	The	Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
9	(6)	The S	ecretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee;
10 11	(7) or the Executive I		Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission, 's designee; and
12	(8)	The f	ollowing members, appointed by the Governor:
13 14	care and has repr	(i) esented	A practicing Maryland attorney who has expertise in health nursing homes in Maryland;
15		(ii)	One representative of each of the following providers:
16			1. Continuing care retirement community;
17			2. Independently owned nursing facility;
18			3. Nonprofit nursing facility;
19			4. Direct care nursing home workers; and
20			5. Entity that owns three or more nursing facilities; and
21		(iii)	One representative of each of the following organizations:
22			1. Health Facilities Association of Maryland;
23			2. Mid-Atlantic Lifespan;
24			3. AARP;
25			4. Alzheimer's Association;
26			5. United Seniors of Maryland;

$\frac{1}{2}$	6. A financial institution that specializes in health care financing; and
3	7. Voices for Quality Care.
4 5	(c) The Senate member and the House of Delegates member shall serve as cochairs.
6 7	(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.
8 9 10	(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.
11 12	(f) The Task Force shall study financial matters relating to long-term care facilities, including:
13 14 15	(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;
16 17	(2) Whether any trends in long-term care facility ownership impact the quality of care offered to residents of long-term care facilities;
18 19 20	(3) Whether the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene should assert limitations or restrictions on certain types of ownership of long-term care facilities;
21 22	(4) Whether current laws governing ownership of long-term care facilities should be amended;
23 24	(5) Whether long-term care facilities should be required to have liability insurance; and
25 26 27	(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.
28 29 30	(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.

(2) On or before June 1, [2010] 2012, 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.

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July	1, 2008. It sha	n remam ene				

Speaker of the House of Delegates.