

SB0939/387171/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 939
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Nursing Homes – Advance Payments” and substitute “Determinations of Eligibility for Long-Term Care Services – Reports and Meetings”; strike beginning with “to” in line 3 down through “term” in line 8 and substitute “, in consultation with the Department of Human Resources, to submit a report on the State’s progress in determining the eligibility of certain applicants within a certain time period to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date and quarterly thereafter; requiring that the report include certain information; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with the Department of Human Resources, to conduct certain meetings to discuss certain reports and develop certain strategies; providing for the termination of this Act”; strike beginning with “advance” in line 9 down through “homes” in line 10 and substitute “determinations of eligibility for long-term care services”; and strike lines 11 through 20, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 22, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 1 through line 20 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) On or before October 1, 2016, and quarterly thereafter, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of Human Resources, shall submit a report to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the State’s progress in determining the eligibility of applicants for long-term care services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program within 30 days after the filing of the applications as required under State law.

(Over)

(b) The reports required under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

(1) (i) the number of new applications filed each month with each local department of social services and the Bureau of Long-Term Care Eligibility; and

(ii) information on pending eligibility cases, including, to the extent available, detailed information on the length of time beyond 30 days it is taking for the State to complete eligibility determinations, with a breakdown of the information presented in 15-day increments;

(2) (i) steps being taken by the State to achieve compliance with the requirement in State law that eligibility determinations be completed within 30 days after the filing of an application; and

(ii) a timeline for achieving compliance with the 30-day requirement; and

(3) information on:

(i) improvements made to the technology systems used to determine eligibility; and

(ii) any planned improvements to the technology systems, including the implementation of an asset verification system, with a time frame for implementation of the planned improvements.

(c) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with the Department of Human Resources, shall conduct quarterly meetings with interested stakeholders to:

(1) discuss the report submitted under subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) develop strategies to resolve ongoing issues with and delays in eligibility determinations for long-term care services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.”.

On page 2, in line 22, after the period, insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.