

HOUSE BILL 685

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By: **Delegate Krimm**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging – Comprehensive Plan for the Aging Population**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Aging, in consultation with certain other
4 units, to develop a comprehensive long-term plan to address the impacts and needs
5 of the State’s aging population; requiring the Department, in developing the plan, to
6 examine certain impacts, identify certain resource or service gaps, consider provision
7 of some services on a regional basis, evaluate certain measures, develop certain
8 recommendations, and identify certain benchmarks; requiring the plan to include a
9 summary of certain impacts and needs, a description of certain resource or service
10 gaps, certain recommendations, and certain benchmarks; requiring the Department,
11 on or before a certain date and annually thereafter until completion of the plan, to
12 submit a progress report to the General Assembly; requiring the Department to
13 submit the completed plan to the Governor and the General Assembly, continue to
14 consult with certain units, evaluate implementation of the plan, and annually update
15 the plan; and generally relating to planning for the impacts and needs of the aging
16 population.

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Human Services
19 Section 10–215
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Human Services**

25 **10–215.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LONG-TERM**
2 **PLAN TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS AND NEEDS OF THE STATE'S AGING POPULATION,**
3 **IN CONSULTATION WITH:**

4 **(1) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;**

5 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES;**

6 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY**
7 **DEVELOPMENT;**

8 **(4) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES;**

9 **(5) THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION;**

10 **(6) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;**

11 **(7) THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; AND**

12 **(8) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING.**

13 **(B) IN DEVELOPING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REQUIRED UNDER**
14 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

15 **(1) EXAMINE EXISTING AND PROJECTED IMPACTS OF THE AGING**
16 **POPULATION ON:**

17 **(I) THE ECONOMY, THE WORKFORCE, AND BUSINESSES;**

18 **(II) FISCAL POLICIES;**

19 **(III) MEDICAID AND OTHER SAFETY-NET PROGRAMS;**

20 **(IV) TRANSPORTATION NEEDS;**

21 **(V) HOUSING NEEDS;**

22 **(VI) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH CARE SERVICES;**

23 **(VII) VOLUNTEER RESOURCES; AND**

24 **(VIII) ANY OTHER RELEVANT PROGRAMS OR SERVICES;**

1 **(2) IDENTIFY EXISTING AND PROJECTED RESOURCE OR SERVICE**
2 **GAPS;**

3 **(3) CONSIDER WHETHER THERE MAY BE ADVANTAGES IN PROVIDING**
4 **SOME SERVICES FOR SENIORS ON A REGIONAL BASIS;**

5 **(4) EVALUATE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE RETIREMENT**
6 **PREPARATION AND IMPROVE THE FINANCIAL SECURITY OF SENIORS;**

7 **(5) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICY OR PROGRAM**
8 **CHANGES TO ADDRESS THE IDENTIFIED IMPACTS AND NEEDS; AND**

9 **(6) IDENTIFY BENCHMARKS FOR MEASURING PROGRESS IN**
10 **IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

11 **(C) THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:**

12 **(1) A SUMMARY OF THE EXISTING AND PROJECTED IMPACTS AND**
13 **NEEDS OF THE STATE'S AGING POPULATION;**

14 **(2) A DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING AND PROJECTED RESOURCE OR**
15 **SERVICE GAPS;**

16 **(3) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGES; AND**

17 **(4) BENCHMARKS FOR MEASURING PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING**
18 **THE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

19 **(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER**
20 **UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**
21 **SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
22 **2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

23 **(E) ON COMPLETION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT**
24 **SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246**
25 **OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

26 **(F) AFTER COMPLETION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE**
27 **DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

28 **(1) CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH THE UNITS LISTED IN SUBSECTION**
29 **(A) OF THIS SECTION;**

1 **(2) EVALUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN USING THE**
2 **IDENTIFIED BENCHMARKS; AND**

3 **(3) UPDATE THE PLAN ANNUALLY.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2016.