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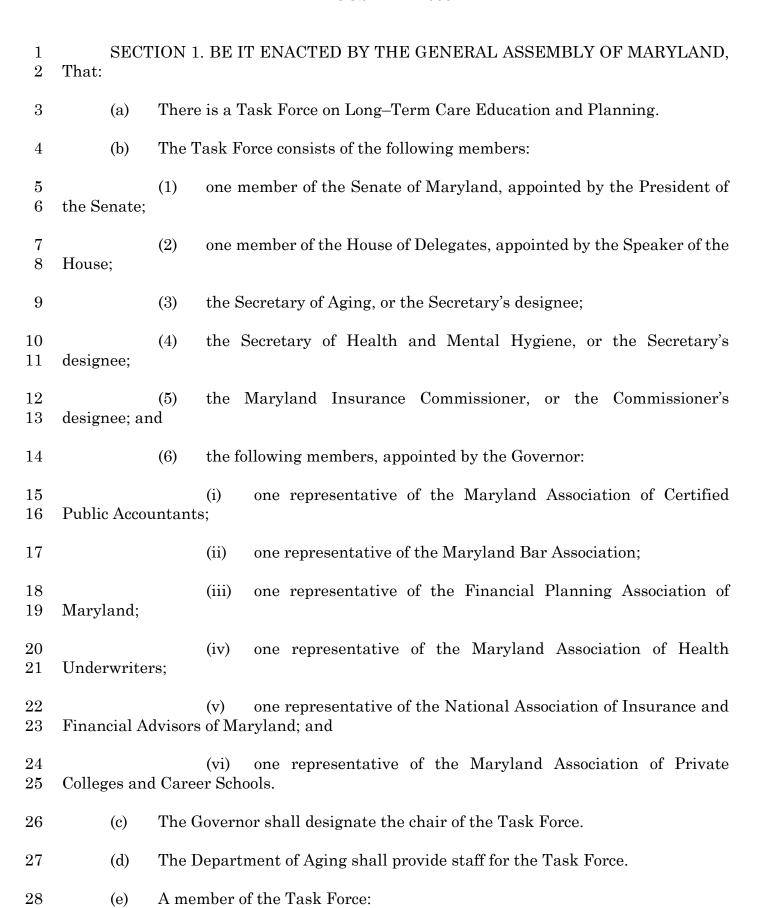
## Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning.

11 Preamble

- WHEREAS, Baby boomers represent 15% of the U.S. population and Maryland is home to 1.5 million baby boomers; and
- WHEREAS, About one-quarter of the 1.5 million baby boomers in the State will require long-term care that will cost at least \$100,000 over the course of their lifetimes, with nearly two-thirds of this population having to pay for this care out of pocket; and
- WHEREAS, A number of Maryland residents may not understand that they may not be able to rely on the State and federal government to pay for their long—term care needs; and
- WHEREAS, Many Maryland residents may be under a misconception that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and other State programs will sufficiently cover the cost of their long-term care; and
- WHEREAS, Maryland residents are in need of education regarding the cost of and need for planning for long-term care; now, therefore,





| 1                    | (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but   |
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| 2<br>3               | (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.   |
| 4                    | (f) The Task Force shall:   |
| 5                    | (1) examine the status of long-term care education in the State;  |
| 6<br>7               | (2) consider options for improving efforts to educate residents of the State about planning for long-term care; and   |
| 8<br>9               | (3) make recommendations regarding long-term care education, including recommendations regarding education methods that will:   |
| 10<br>11<br>12       | (i) ensure that no Maryland resident reaches the age of 50 without having received complete information about the risk of needing long-term care and the private options available to pay for long-term care; and   |
| 13<br>14             | (ii) include information about the Maryland Medical Assistance<br>Program, how the Program is funded, and whom the Program is intended to serve.  |
| 15<br>16<br>17       | (g) On or before December 1, 2017, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.   |
| 18<br>19<br>20<br>21 | SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. |