

SENATE BILL 690

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By: Senator Klausmeier

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Long-Term Care Planning

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before a certain
4 date, to develop and publish materials to assist State residents with long-term care
5 family planning; requiring certain materials to meet certain requirements, be
6 consistent with certain other materials, and include certain contact information;
7 requiring the Department to make certain materials available in certain languages;
8 requiring, on or before a certain date, certain State agencies to update certain
9 websites in a certain manner; and generally relating to long-term care planning.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 20–2001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 20. Long-Term Care
13 Planning”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Health – General

SUBTITLE 20. LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING.

20 **20–2001.**

21 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2021, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP**
22 **AND PUBLISH MATERIALS TO ASSIST MARYLAND RESIDENTS WITH LONG-TERM**
23 **CARE FAMILY PLANNING.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE MATERIALS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION,**
2 **CONSISTENT WITH RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4 IN THE REPORT OF THE**
3 **MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING**
4 **PUBLISHED IN 2018 AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTERS 212 AND 213 OF THE ACTS OF 2017,**
5 **SHALL:**

6 **(1) MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PLAN NOW STARTER KIT**
7 **DESCRIBED IN RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4;**

8 **(2) BE CONSISTENT WITH THE MOCK-UP PLAN NOW STARTER KIT**
9 **MATERIALS DETAILED IN RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4; AND**

10 **(3) INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION, INCLUDING WEBSITES AND**
11 **PHONE NUMBERS, FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT A STATE RESIDENT MAY CONTACT**
12 **FOR ASSISTANCE WITH LONG-TERM CARE FAMILY PLANNING.**

13 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE MATERIALS PUBLISHED UNDER**
14 **THIS SECTION AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND ANY OTHER LANGUAGE, AS**
15 **DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

17 (a) On or before January 1, 2021, the following State entities shall update their
18 websites in accordance with recommendation number 5 in the Report of the Maryland
19 Governor's Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning published in 2018 as required by
20 Chapters 212 and 213 of the Acts of 2017:

21 (1) the Maryland Health Care Commission;
22 (2) the Department of Disabilities; and
23 (3) the Department of Aging.

24 (b) The websites the Department of Aging is required to update under subsection
25 (a) of this section includes the Maryland Access Point website.

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2020.