

HOUSE BILL 119

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(PRE-FILED)

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CF SB 313

By: **Delegate Sample-Hughes**

Requested: August 31, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive**
3 **Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Other Types of Dementia**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with the
5 Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related
6 Disorders Council, and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s
7 Association, to incorporate certain information regarding cognitive impairment,
8 Alzheimer’s disease, and other types of dementia into relevant public health
9 outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health; and
10 generally relating to public health outreach programs administered by the Maryland
11 Department of Health.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Health – General

14 Section 18–110

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 **18–110.**

21 **THE DEPARTMENT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING, THE**
22 **VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL,**
23 **AND THE GREATER MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION,**
24 **SHALL INCORPORATE INFORMATION INTO RELEVANT PUBLIC HEALTH OUTREACH**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO:

2 (1) EDUCATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS REGARDING:

3 (I) THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DETECTION AND TIMELY
4 DIAGNOSIS OF COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT;

5 (II) VALIDATED ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR THE DETECTION AND
6 DIAGNOSIS OF COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT;

7 (III) THE VALUE OF A MEDICARE ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT OR
8 OTHER ANNUAL PHYSICAL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD FOR
9 COGNITIVE HEALTH; AND

10 (IV) THE MEDICARE CARE PLANNING BILLING CODE FOR
11 INDIVIDUALS WITH COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT; AND

12 (2) INCREASE UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS OF:

13 (I) THE EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND
14 OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA;

15 (II) THE VALUE OF EARLY DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF
16 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA; AND

17 (III) HOW TO REDUCE THE RISK OF COGNITIVE DECLINE,
18 PARTICULARLY AMONG INDIVIDUALS IN BLACK AND LATINO COMMUNITIES WHO
19 ARE AT GREATER RISK OF DEVELOPING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER TYPES
20 OF DEMENTIA.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2021.