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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader - Revised**

Senate Bill 677

(Senator Kelley)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

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**Maryland Health Care Commission - Nursing Homes - Reporting**

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This bill requires the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC), by January 31 each year, to post a report on its website with specified information regarding nursing homes for the immediately preceding year. This information must include (1) each change in ownership at a licensed nursing home, as reported to MHCC; (2) information on the trends in the utilization of licensed nursing homes in the State, sortable by individual facility, facility owner, and region in the State; and (3) a summary of the financial data regarding licensed nursing homes collected by MHCC for the purposes of health planning and available as a public use file. MHCC must publish searchable information on licensed nursing homes on its website, including information from and links to cost reports filed with MHCC by nursing homes.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** MHCC can implement the bill's requirements with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** MHCC is an independent commission within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) with a mission to plan for health system needs, promote informed decision making, increase accountability, and improve access in a rapidly changing health care environment by providing timely and accurate information on availability, cost, and quality

of services to policymakers, purchasers, providers, and the public. MHCC's special fund consists of user fees assessed on health care payors, hospitals, nursing homes, and health care practitioners.

A nursing home is a facility that offers nonacute care to patients suffering from a disease, chronic illness, condition, disability of advanced age, or terminal disease requiring maximal nursing care without continuous hospital services. In Maryland, nursing homes are licensed by the Office of Health Care Quality within MDH.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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