

HOUSE BILL 39

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CF SB 197

By: **Delegate R. Lewis**

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Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Residential Service Agencies – Reimbursement – Personal Assistance Services**
3 **(Homecare Worker Rights Act of 2024)**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse a
5 residential service agency for personal assistance services only if the personal
6 assistance services are provided by an individual classified as an employee; and
7 generally relating to reimbursements to residential service agencies.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 19–4A–10
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2023 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 19–4A–10.

17 **(A)** Except as provided by federal law, licensure under this subtitle does not
18 entitle a residential service agency to reimbursement by a third party payor.

19 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REIMBURSE A RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCY**
20 **FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES ONLY IF THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE**
21 **SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY AN INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFIED AS AN EMPLOYEE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.