

HB0989/203929/1

BY: Health Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 989
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Wims**” and substitute “**Wims, Alston, Bagnall, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, Kipke, Martinez, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, White Holland, and Woorman**”; in line 2, after “**Elderly –**” insert “**Study on**”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 3 down through the second “programs” in line 10 and substitute “requiring the Department of Aging, in consultation with the Department of Disabilities, the Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Human Services, to conduct a certain study on the calculation of income for certain housing assistance programs and medical assistance programs; and generally relating to a study on the calculation of income for State housing assistance programs and medical assistance programs”; and strike in their entirety lines 11 through 25, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 20, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, on or before December 1, 2026, the Department of Aging shall:

(1) in consultation with the Department of Disabilities, the Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Human Services, study the implications of prohibiting State housing assistance programs and State medical assistance programs designed to assist aged, blind, and disabled individuals and that limit eligibility based on income from including income that an individual receives from renting a portion of the individual’s primary residence in the calculation of income required for the program, including:

(i) identifying any barriers, including federal laws;

(ii) identifying necessary State resources; and

(iii) determining which State housing assistance programs and State medical assistance programs such a prohibition could reasonably apply to, based on the findings under items (i) and (ii) of this section; and

(2) report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on its findings and recommendations.”;

and in line 22, after “2026.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.