

SENATE BILL 123

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Simonaire**

Requested: June 2, 2025

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living**
3 **Facilities – Membership**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Oversight Committee on Quality of
5 Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities; and generally relating to the
6 Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living
7 Facilities.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 19–1409(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Health – General
15 Section 19–1409(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Health – General**

21 19–1409.

22 (a) There is an Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and
23 Assisted Living Facilities.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) The Oversight Committee shall consist of the following members:

(1) One member of the Senate Finance Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) [One member of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) Two members] **ONE MEMBER** of the House Health and Government Operations Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

[(4)] **(3)** The Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

[(5)] **(4)** The Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

[(6)] **(5)** The Director of the Office of Health Care Quality, or the Director's designee;

[(7)] **(6)** The Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, or the Deputy Secretary's designee;

[(8)] **(7)** The Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;

[(9)] **(8)** The Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee;

[(10)] **(9)** The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman;

[(11)] **(10)** Two representatives of area agencies on aging, one of which shall be a member of a local long-term care ombudsman program established under Title 10, Subtitle 9 of the Human Services Article, selected by the President of the Maryland Association of Area Agencies on Aging;

[(12)] **(11)** One representative of a local long-term care ombudsman entity, selected by the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman;

[(13)] **(12)** Three consumer members, selected by the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, all of whom shall be consumers living in an assisted living facility or a nursing home or have a family member living in an assisted living facility or a nursing home;

[(14)] **(13)** The following representatives, selected by the organizations the individual represents:

(i) One representative from the Health Facilities Association of Maryland;

- (ii) One representative from the Mid–Atlantic LifeSpan;
- (iii) One representative of the Hospice Network of Maryland;
- (iv) One representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;
- (v) One representative of 1199SEIU United Health Workers East;
- (vi) One representative of the Maryland Chapter of AARP;
- (vii) One representative of United Seniors of Maryland;
- (viii) One representative of Voices for Quality Care;
- (ix) One representative of the Mental Health Association of Maryland knowledgeable in issues of aging;
- (x) One representative of the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association; and
- (xi) One representative of the Maryland Association of Adult Day Services; and

[(15)] (14) Three representatives from the assisted living industry, of which one shall represent a program that cares for one to four residents, one shall represent a program that cares for five to nine residents, and one shall represent a program that cares for more than 10 residents.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.