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**HB 207 Nursing Homes - Resident Change in Condition - Notification
FAVORABLE
Senate Finance Committee
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Good afternoon Chairwoman Kelley and members of the Senate Finance Committee. My name is Tammy Bresnahan, Director of Advocacy for AARP MD. I am here today representing AARP MD and its more than 850,000 members in support of **HB 207 Nursing Homes - Resident Change in Condition - Notification**

As you may know, AARP is the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization representing the interests of Americans age 50 and older and their families. Key priorities of our organization include helping all Marylanders achieve financial and health security. In particular, AARP strongly believes that all individuals have the right to be self-reliant and live with dignity in retirement.

HB 207 specifies that a nursing home, consistent with State and federal confidentiality laws, must notify a resident and, if applicable, the resident's representative or interested family member within 24 hours (rather than in a timely manner) after specified changes in the condition of the resident.

AARP believes that states should rigorously enforce mandatory minimum standards and make other efforts to promote quality and ensure quality outcomes for individuals in residential care settings and believes HB 207 protects residents and their families.

AARP MD respectfully ask the Senate Finance Committee for a favorable vote on HB 207. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Bresnahan, Director of Advocacy for AARP MD at 410-302-8451 or at tbresnahan@aarp.org.

