



Senate Bill 275: *Maryland Department of Health – Residential Service Agencies – Training Requirements*
Senate Finance Committee
February 4, 2021

Position: SUPPORT with Amendment (sponsor)

On behalf of the Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association (MNCHA), whose members include Medicare-certified home health agencies, private duty companies and durable medical equipment suppliers across the State, we support Senate Bill 275 with amendments. Simply stated, the bill requires that the direct care staff and supervisory staff of residential service agencies receive three hours of initial training and two hours of annual training in dementia care.

During the 2020 interim, representatives from MNCHA worked with the sponsor and the Alzheimer’s Association to reach an agreement on this bill, which includes a delayed effective date of July 1, 2022. As part of this negotiation, substitute language was agreed upon relating to the “portability” of the training. This negotiation is reflected in the sponsor’s amendment. With these amendments, MNCHA supports Senate Bill 275 and believes that it will ensure that direct care workers and supervisory staff have the required skills and training to care for those clients with dementia. We urge a favorable vote.

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