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TO: The Honorable Shane Pendergrass
Chairwoman, Health and Government Operations Committee

FROM: LeadingAge Maryland

SUBJECT: House Bill 207, Nursing Homes - Resident Change in Condition - Notification

DATE: February 3, 2021

POSITION: Favorable

LeadingAge Maryland writes to request a favorable report on House Bill 207, Nursing Homes - Resident Change in Condition – Notification.

LeadingAge Maryland is a community of not-for-profit aging services organizations serving residents and clients through continuing care retirement communities, affordable senior housing, assisted living, nursing homes and home and community-based services. We represent more than 120 not-for-profit organizations, including the vast majority of CCRCs in Maryland. Our mission is to expand the world of possibilities for aging in Maryland. We partner with consumers, caregivers, researchers, faith communities and others who care about aging in Maryland.

House Bill 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 changes in the condition of the resident.

Under federal regulations (42 CFR § 483.10(g)(14)), a long-term care facility must immediately inform the resident, consult the resident’s physician, and notify the resident’s representative when there is an accident involving the resident that results in injury and has potential for requiring physician intervention, a significant change in the resident’s physical,

mental, or psychosocial status, a need to alter treatment significantly or a decision to transfer or discharge the resident from the facility.

House Bill 207 aligns the timing of notice after a change in condition closer to the federal requirement. LeadingAge Maryland believes this avoids confusion and allows for consistency.

For these reasons, LeadingAge Maryland respectfully requests a favorable report for House Bill 207.

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