



# *Maryland Senior Citizens Action Network*

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## **Testimony in Support of SB624 - Assisted Living Programs - Assisted Living Referrers - Requirements and Prohibitions** **Finance Committee** **February 24, 2022**

The Maryland Senior Citizens Action Network (MSCAN) is a statewide coalition of advocacy groups, service providers, faith-based and mission-driven organizations that supports policies that meet the housing, health and quality of care needs of Maryland's low and moderate-income seniors.

**MSCAN enthusiastically supports SB624** for its potential to positively impact the lives of low-income seniors who deserve quality insured, safe and transparent assisted living referral agencies.

**SB624 would set clear rules for how referral agencies can operate, promoting client safety and consumer protection.** This would include background checks for their employees, liability insurance and requiring at will agreements to be signed by the referral agency and client, so clients understand they can withdraw the service of the agency at any time. Because of these new regulations, SB624 would lower incidents of older adults, especially our most vulnerable, being taken advantage by predatory referral agencies.

**For these reasons, MSCAN urges a favorable report on SB624.**