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**HB 1034**

February 18, 2022

**TO:** Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

**FROM:** James Campbell, Co-Chair  
Baltimore City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education

**RE:** House Bill 1034 – State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators – Renaming and Licensure of Assisted Living Managers

**POSITION: Support**

Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education **supports** House Bill 1034.

HB 1034 changes the name of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home to the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators, and creates a licensing process for Assisted Living Managers, which the Board will oversee. It changes the composition of the Board to include professionals and consumers with experience with and knowledge of the assisted living industry. It sets forth parameters for licensure, which are flexible, based on the size of a facility, and delineates possible violations of licensure and resulting penalties.

The Baltimore City Commission on Aging believes that given the growing importance of assisted living in the provision of long-term care in Maryland, minimum standards for managers of these facilities are essential. According to the Maryland Office of Health Care Quality's web site, there are 1,699 licensed assisted living facilities in the state, with a total of 25,391 beds. 402 of these facilities, with 2,784 beds are in Baltimore City. In comparison, there are 27 licensed nursing homes in Baltimore City, with 3,597 beds.

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Increasingly, assisted living is the setting for frail older adults and persons with disabilities who need ongoing care. Yet the staff that operate these facilities and their credentials receive minimal oversight. HB 1034 will help upgrade the quality of assisted living managers and improve the quality of care provided in assisted living.

We respectfully request a **favorable** report on House Bill 1034.