



Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association
Protecting the Future of Continuing Care Residents
The Voice of Continuing Care Residents at Annapolis

SUBJECT: House Bill 160 - Income Tax – Credit for Long–Term Care Premiums (Long–Term Care Relief Act of 2023)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means Committee
The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2023

POSITION: **FAVORABLE**

The **Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association (MaCCRA)** is a not-for-profit organization representing the residents in continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs). Maryland has over 18,000 older adults living in CCRCs. The principal purpose of MaCCRA is to protect and enhance the rights and financial security of current and future residents while maintaining the viability of the providers whose interests are frequently the same as their residents. MaCCRA SUPPORTS efforts to:

- Enhance: Transparency, Accountability, Financial Security; and
- Preserve existing protections in law and regulation for current and future CCRC residents statewide.

On behalf of the Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association, we support House Bill 160. As drafted, HB 160 “alters eligibility for and the maximum amount of a credit against the State income tax for certain long–term care insurance premiums paid by a certain taxpayer with a Maryland adjusted gross income of less than \$250,000.”

Continuing Care Retirement Communities typically operate a complex or campus where residents start in independent living and move to other levels of care as needed. CCRCs have assisted living, typically a memory-care unit, and skilled nursing if their health and mobility decline. CCRCs are classified into three types:

- Type A (“extensive contracts” including long-term care at no monthly fee increase in cost)
- Type B (“modified contracts”, including a limited amount of long-term care services at no monthly fee increase)
- Type C (“fee-for-service”; they charge much higher monthly fees to someone who moves to long term care (i.e. into the community’s assisted living or comprehensive nursing care facilities).

Many CCRC residents, particularly those that live in Type C facilities maintain LTC insurance. It is an important tool that allows residents to afford their accommodations and cover the care that is needed as they age in place. **We support efforts to increase the income tax credit for LTC insurance for seniors relying on the coverage and who often live on a fixed income.**

For these reasons we support House Bill 160 and ask for a favorable report.

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