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Bill: SB 613 - State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators - Requirements for Assisted Living Managers

Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Position: Favorable as Amended

Date: March 21, 2024

On behalf of the more than 110,000 Marylanders living with Alzheimer's disease, the Alzheimer's Association supports as amended *SB 613 - State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators - Requirements for Assisted Living Managers*. As amended, SB 613 includes additional reporting requirements for the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators regarding the status towards implementing the licensure for Assisted Living Managers.

In 2023, among older adults nationwide living in residential facilities, including assisted living, 34% had some form of Alzheimer's or other dementias.¹ The Alzheimer's Association supports the improved standard and strengthened oversight that licensing assisted living managers will provide in these facilities. We thank this Committee for your consideration and inclusion of amendments to this bill that will provide further insight on the Board's progress towards implementing this licensure.

We are encouraged that the Board filled the Executive Director position in December and is committed to launching this licensure within the extended timeframe. Additionally, we are further encouraged by the inclusion of 3 regular positions in the proposed FY25 budget for the Board to support licensing, investigation, and other duties.

SB 613 is amended in the same posture as it's crossfile HB 874, and both the Senate and House passed the bills unanimously. We believe the additional reporting requirements will ensure that the General Assembly and stakeholders remain fully informed on progress towards implementation, as well as identifying challenges that could delay implementation further.

We urge a favorable report for SB 613. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Megan Peters, Director of Government Affairs at mrpeters@alz.org or 410-921-9005 with any questions.

¹ 2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures.
<https://www.alz.org/media/Documents/alzheimers-facts-and-figures.pdf>