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**TO:** House Health and Government Operations Committee  
**FROM:** LeadingAge Maryland  
**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 613, State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators - Requirements for Assisted Living Managers  
**DATE:** March 21, 2024  
**POSITION:** **Favorable**

LeadingAge Maryland supports Senate Bill 613, State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators - Requirements for Assisted Living Managers

LeadingAge Maryland is a community of more than 140 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. Members of LeadingAge Maryland provide health care, housing, and services to more than 20,000 older persons each year. Our mission is to be the trusted voice for aging in Maryland, and our vision is that Maryland is a state where older adults have access to the services they need, when they need them, in the place they call home.

This bill extends the date, from October 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026, by which individuals must be licensed by the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators before practicing as an assisted living manager in the State. An assisted living manager employed by an assisted living program that is licensed for four or fewer beds must comply with specified manager training course requirements by June 30, 2026, and may not be found in violation of such requirements before July 1, 2026. By October 1, 2024, October 1, 2025, and October 1, 2026, the board must submit specified reports to specified committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of licensure requirements for assisted living managers.

Managing the licensure for assisted living managers will be a new responsibility for the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators. Under their previous role as State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, the Board oversaw the licensure of roughly 500 individuals. In this new

capacity, the Board will be responsible for the licensure of more than 2,000 individuals. The delay in implantation of this change required by this bill is necessary to ensure that both the Board and licensees have appropriate time to prepare for the transition.

For these reasons, LeadingAge Maryland respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 613.

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