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**TO:** House Health and Government Operations Committee  
**FROM:** LeadingAge Maryland  
**SUBJECT:** House Bill 378, Prince George's County - Assisted Living Programs - Inspections PG 405-25  
**DATE:** February 27, 2025  
**POSITION:** **Favorable with Amendments**

LeadingAge Maryland respectfully requests a favorable with amendments report on House Bill 378, Prince George's County - Assisted Living Programs - Inspections PG 405-25.

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. We partner with consumers, caregivers, researchers, public agencies, faith communities and others who care about aging in Maryland.

As introduced, HB 378 increases the frequency of inspections for assisted living programs in Prince George's County by requiring the Maryland Department of Health to inspect each facility at least once every 60 days. Additionally, the bill mandates that the Department publish a report of each inspection on its website within 30 days of completion and provide a copy to the Prince George's County Council.

LeadingAge Maryland supports Delegate Fennell's amendment to strike lines 7-11 on page 2, which would remove the requirement for inspections every 60 days. We question the rationale for the Maryland Department of Health to post one County's inspection reports. That notwithstanding, LeadingAge Maryland requests that publication occur only after any plans of correction have been finalized and accepted to ensure the reports reflect the most accurate and complete information (see Page 3, lines 12-15). Please see specific amendments below.

For these reasons, LeadingAge Maryland respectfully requests a favorable report with amendments for House Bill 378.

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 378

Prince George's County – Assisted Living Programs – Inspections

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, strike beginning with “CONDUCT” in line 10 down through “1.” In line 12, inclusive.

**Rationale: This removes the requirement to conduct an inspection every 60 days.**

AMENDMENT NO.2

On page 3, in line 12, after “EACH” insert “ANNUAL SURVEY”; in line 13, delete “CONDUCTED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS PARAGRAPH”; and in line 14, after “COMPLETED” insert “AND THE FINAL ADJUDICATION OF ANY INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS OR APPEALS FILED BY THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM”.

**Rationale: This specifies that the inspection report cannot be submitted or posted until the IDR or appeals process has been completed, given that deficiencies can be overturned during that process.**

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 16, strike “2.” And substitute “(II)”; in lines 16 and 17, strike “ITEM 1 OF THIS ITEM” and substitute “THIS PARAGRAPH”; and after line 17, insert:

“(III) 1. IN POSTING THE INSPECTION REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM’S FINAL PLAN OF CORRECTION WITH THE INSPECTION REPORT.

2. IN PROVIDING THE INSPECTION REPORT TO THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM’S FINAL PLAN OF CORRECTION WITH THE INSPECTION REPORT.

**Rationale: This amendment specifies that the Department must include the ALP’s final plan of correction in posting the inspection report and providing it to the Prince George’s Council.**

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