



TESTIMONY FOR HB0576

Health Care Facilities - Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Programs - Video Recordings

Bill Sponsor: Speaker

Committee: Health and Government Operations

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative

Coalition Person Submitting: Aileen Alex, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0576 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists—individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

According to the Maryland Department of Aging, an estimated five million older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation each year. One in ten older Americans over the age of 60 has been the victim of some kind of abuse. This is considerable given that an estimated 93% of elder abuse cases go unreported each year. Our members abhor the idea of this occurring in Maryland.

SB0465 in Maryland for 2025 focuses on requiring nursing homes and assisted living programs to install, operate, and maintain video surveillance equipment in common areas. The bill mandates that nursing homes and assisted living facilities make recorded video data available to law enforcement and state personnel upon request, to aid in their official duties.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition steadfastly supports this bill to detect and prevent abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents.