



**Bill:** HB 1434 - Maryland Department of Health - Caregiver Resource Webpage - Establishment

**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

**Position:** Favorable

**Date:** March 31, 2026

On behalf of the 127,200 Marylanders living with Alzheimer's disease and their 247,000 caregivers, the Alzheimer's Association supports *HB 1434 - Maryland Department of Health - Caregiver Resource Webpage - Establishment*. This bill will establish a centralized caregiver resource webpage with information and support. With Maryland's aging population rapidly growing, more Marylanders living with dementia, and the majority of dementia care provided by family caregivers, HB 1434 will make it easier for caregivers to find the guidance, programs, and services they need in one accessible place.

Currently, dementia caregivers must navigate various agency websites, nonprofit resources, and separate program portals to identify available supports. The bill's requirement to create a single, public-facing webpage containing resources related to aging, disability services, behavioral health, respite care, public benefits, safety, and supports for vulnerable adults and youth removes barriers that may delay or prevent caregivers from accessing essential help. Streamlining this information is especially important for dementia caregivers, who frequently juggle full-time responsibilities while managing complex, progressive care needs.

By establishing a centralized hub, HB 1434 will make Maryland's systems more navigable and responsive to the thousands of families caring for individuals with Alzheimer's or another dementia. For these reasons, the Alzheimer's Association respectfully urges a favorable report on HB 1434 so that Maryland's caregivers can receive the clear guidance, support, and connection they deserve. Please contact Megan Peters, Director of Government Affairs at [mrpeters@alz.org](mailto:mrpeters@alz.org) with any questions.