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Senate Finance Committee

February 24, 2026

Senate Bill 493 – *Nursing Facilities – Involuntary Discharge or Transfer*

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

On behalf of the LifeSpan Network, the largest and most diverse senior care provider association in Maryland, representing nursing facilities, assisted living providers, continuing care retirement communities, medical adult day care centers, senior housing communities, and other home and community-based services, we **support** Senate Bill 493 **with amendments**.

Senate Bill 493 amends the involuntary discharge process in nursing facilities to provide greater notice to individuals facing involuntary discharge. Involuntary discharge is permissible in Maryland and may be triggered by several circumstances, including the nursing facility no longer being able to provide the level of care needed, behavioral issues among residents (e.g., abusive behavior toward staff and residents), and non-payment. In working with the State’s Long-Term Care Ombudsman, we proposed the following amendments to clarify the bill’s intent and provide additional protections without overly restricting the process. With these amendments, LifeSpan urges support.

AMENDMENTS:

On page 2, in lines 11 and 12, strike “SUBTITLE, SUCH AS A HOTEL, SHELTER, OR OTHER TEMPORARY HOUSING” and substitute “SUBTITLE; AND”

On page 4, strike beginning in line 10 “(I)” down through “(II)” in line 13, in its entirety.

On page 5, in line 29, strike “30” and substitute “10”.

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