



**Bill:** HB 1372 - Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission

**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 1372 - Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission*. HB 1372 strengthens transparency by requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Office of Health Care Quality to publish timely, accessible inspection information on the [Maryland Quality Reporting website](#).<sup>1</sup> This website currently provides information on the quality and performance of nursing homes, hospitals, hospice, assisted living facilities, and more, and HB 1372 will build upon that foundation.

For families navigating a dementia diagnosis, clear and reliable information about long-term care options is essential. Transparent data helps caregivers make informed decisions, and families often rely on inspection findings to understand whether a facility is meeting standards, especially when a loved one can no longer advocate for themselves. However, this information is often scattered or difficult to find. By standardizing the posting of inspection dates and ratings, HB 1372 gives caregivers a clearer view of the quality and safety of potential care settings.

More broadly, strong data transparency benefits the entire long-term care system. Public access to inspection information improves accountability, highlights trends in facility performance, and supports statewide efforts to strengthen oversight. Everyone, from families to policymakers, benefits when essential quality information is easy to access and understand.

For these reasons, the Alzheimer's Association respectfully urges a favorable report on HB 1372. Please contact Megan Peters, Director of Government Affairs at [mrpeters@alz.org](mailto:mrpeters@alz.org) with any questions.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://healthcarequality.mhcc.maryland.gov/>