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Bill Number: **SB 123**

Bill Title: Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities - Membership

Committee: House Health Committee

MDOA Position: FAVORABLE

The Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) thanks the Chair and Committee members for the opportunity to submit this **favorable as amended** testimony for Senate Bill (SB) 123 - Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities - Membership.

MDOA serves as Maryland's State Unit on Aging, administering federal and state funding for core programs, overseeing the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) network at the local level that provides supportive services to older adults, and planning for Maryland's growing older adult population. Under Human Services Article § 19-1409, the Secretary of Aging, or their designee, is an appointed member of the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities (the "Oversight Committee") and must serve as the Chair. MDOA currently provides all staff support for the Oversight Committee.

MDOA is supportive of SB 123's aim to conform the current membership with respect to its General Assembly members with the current committee structure. MDOA thanks the sponsor for his leadership in making needed updates to this important committee's statute. For these reasons, the Department of Aging respectfully urges a **favorable** report for SB 123. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Nunez, Legislative Director, at andrea.nunez@maryland.gov or (443) 414-8183.