

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 11/23/99

Reference No.: CB-78-1999

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Scott, Wilson

Item Title: An Act adopting the Code of Maryland Regulations governing Assisted Living Programs with certain additions, insertions and changes

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Personnel: Health Department

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 10/5/99

Executive Action: 12/13/99 S

Committee Referral: 10/5/99 HEHS

Effective Date: 1/31/2000

Committee Action: 10/25/99 FAV (A)

Date Introduced: 10/26/99

Public Hearing: 11/23/99 11:15 A.M.

Council Action: 11/23/99 ENACTED

Council Votes: JE:A, DB:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

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Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-0-1 (In favor: Council Members Hendershot, Gourdine, Scott. Abstained: Council Member Maloney)

Committee staff provided an overview of the legislation, discussing in particular the proposed fee structure authorized in the legislation. The Health Officer provided a chart for the Committee detailing the types of homes to be licensed as Assisted Living Facilities, their size and number, and whether they have been licensed historically by the Health Department. The two most prevalent types are Congregate Living Facilities (which can provide from four to twenty beds and are currently licensed by the Health Department) and Registered Domiciliary Homes (which can provide two or three beds and are currently under permit by registration only with the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene). Since the Registered Domiciliary Homes do not presently go through the licensing process, the Health Department will provide technical

assistance to these homes on that process.

The legislation is expected to generate between \$40,000 and \$67,000 in new revenue to the County, based on the number of licenses issued and the size of any new facilities that may open. The Health Department currently budgets approximately \$129,400 for inspection and monitoring efforts associated with Assisted Living Facilities. As a result, fees have not been set at a level sufficient to cover all program costs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This legislation would adopt by reference the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Regulations governing Assisted Living Programs (COMAR 10.07.14) as the County's regulations governing Assisted Living Programs. An Assisted Living Program is defined as a residential or facility based program that provides supportive services and/or assistance to those residents who need help with daily living activities. The regulations require the Health Officer to license and inspect Assisted Living Programs in the County and establish certain licensing fees.

Currently, there are 352 facilities in the County that will need to become licensed as an Assisted Living Program. For FY2000, there will be a \$129,417 enhancement to the existing Health Department nursing home licensure program.

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