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By: **Prince George’s County Delegation**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Assisted Living Programs – Inspections**

3 **PG 405–25**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to inspect assisted living  
5 programs located in Prince George’s County on a certain basis; requiring the  
6 Department to publish a report of each inspection on the Department’s website  
7 within a certain time period and provide the report to the Prince George’s County  
8 Council; and generally relating to inspections of assisted living programs in Prince  
9 George’s County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Health – General  
12 Section 19–1805  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Health – General**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 19–1805.

2 (a) The Department shall:

3 (1) Define different levels of assisted living according to the level of care  
4 provided;

5 (2) Require all assisted living programs to be licensed to operate according  
6 to the level of the program;

7 (3) Develop a waiver process for authorizing an assisted living program to  
8 continue to care for an individual whose medical or functional condition has changed since  
9 admission to the program to an extent that the level of care required by the individual  
10 exceeds the level of care for which the program is licensed;

11 (4) Promote affordable and accessible assisted living programs throughout  
12 the State;

13 (5) Establish and enforce quality standards for assisted living programs;

14 (6) Require periodic inspections of assisted living program facilities,  
15 including at least an annual unannounced on–site inspection;

16 (7) Establish requirements for the qualifications or training or both of  
17 assisted living program employees;

18 (8) Establish a “resident bill of rights” for residents of assisted living  
19 program facilities that includes, at a minimum:

20 (i) The right to be treated with consideration, respect, and full  
21 recognition of human dignity and individuality;

22 (ii) The right to receive treatment, care, and services that are  
23 adequate, appropriate, and in compliance with relevant federal and State laws, rules, and  
24 regulations;

25 (iii) The right to be free from mental and physical abuse;

1 (iv) The right to be free from mental, verbal, sexual, and physical  
2 abuse, neglect, or involuntary seclusion or exploitation;

3 (v) The right to notice, procedural fairness, and humane treatment  
4 when being transferred or discharged from a facility;

5 (vi) The right to participate in decision making regarding transitions  
6 in care, including a transfer or discharge from a facility;

7 (vii) The right to be free from physical and chemical restraints, except  
8 for restraints that a physician authorizes for a clearly indicated medical need; and

9 (viii) The right to manage personal financial affairs;

10 (9) Define which, if any, assisted living programs may be exempt from the  
11 requirements of § 19–311 of this title; and

12 (10) For Alzheimer’s special care units:

13 (i) Establish the number of dementia–specific training hours to be  
14 completed for those staff working in Alzheimer’s special care units;

15 (ii) Determine the topic content for dementia–specific training  
16 required for those staff working in Alzheimer’s special care units; and

17 (iii) Require staff sufficient to meet the needs of residents in  
18 Alzheimer’s special care units.

19 **(B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY WITH RESPECT TO AN ASSISTED**  
20 **LIVING PROGRAM LOCATED IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

21 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

22 **(I) CONDUCT AN INSPECTION OF EACH ASSISTED LIVING**  
23 **PROGRAM AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 60 DAYS; AND**

24 **(II) 1. PUBLISH A REPORT OF EACH INSPECTION**  
25 **CONDUCTED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH ON THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE**

1 **WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE INSPECTION WAS COMPLETED;**  
2 **AND**

3 **2. PROVIDE THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER ITEM 1 OF**  
4 **THIS ITEM TO THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY COUNCIL.**

5 **[(b)] (C)** (1) The Department, in consultation with representatives of the  
6 affected industry and advocates for residents of the facilities and with the approval of the  
7 Department of Aging and the Department of Human Services, shall adopt regulations to  
8 implement this subtitle.

9 (2) The regulations adopted under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall:

10 (i) Provide for the licensing of assisted living programs;

11 (ii) Require the Department, during a survey or other inspection of  
12 an assisted living program, to review the number of waivers granted to the program under  
13 subsection (a)(3) of this section and determine whether a change in the program’s licensure  
14 status is warranted; and

15 (iii) Require an assisted living program facility to post in a  
16 conspicuous place visible to actual and potential residents of the facility and other  
17 interested parties:

18 1. A. Its statement of deficiencies for the most recent  
19 survey;

20 B. Any subsequent complaint investigations conducted by  
21 federal, State, or local surveyors; and

22 C. Any plans of correction in effect with respect to the survey  
23 or complaint investigation; or

24 2. A notice of the location, within the facility, of the items  
25 listed in item 1 of this item.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2025.