

HOUSE BILL 599

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ENROLLED BILL

— Health and Government Operations/Finance —

Introduced by **Delegate Kelly**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Long-Term Care Planning**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before a certain
4 date, to develop and publish materials to assist State residents with long-term care
5 family planning; requiring certain materials to meet certain requirements, be
6 consistent with certain other materials, and include certain contact information;
7 requiring the Department to make certain materials available in certain languages;
8 *requiring the Department to ensure that certain materials are understandable to*
9 *individuals with limited literacy skills*; requiring, on or before a certain date, certain
10 State agencies to update certain websites in a certain manner; providing for a
11 delayed effective date; and generally relating to long-term care planning.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Health – General

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Section 20–2001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 20. Long–Term Care
 2 Planning”
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Health – General**

8 **SUBTITLE 20. LONG–TERM CARE PLANNING.**

9 **20–2001.**

10 (A) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND
 11 PUBLISH MATERIALS TO ASSIST MARYLAND RESIDENTS WITH LONG–TERM CARE
 12 FAMILY PLANNING.

13 (B) THE MATERIALS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION,
 14 CONSISTENT WITH RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4 IN THE REPORT OF THE
 15 MARYLAND GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON LONG–TERM CARE PLANNING
 16 PUBLISHED IN 2018 AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTERS 212 AND 213 OF THE ACTS OF THE
 17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2017, SHALL:

18 (1) MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PLAN NOW STARTER KIT
 19 DESCRIBED IN RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4;

20 (2) BE CONSISTENT WITH THE MOCK–UP PLAN NOW STARTER KIT
 21 MATERIALS DETAILED IN RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4; AND

22 (3) INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION, INCLUDING WEBSITES AND
 23 PHONE NUMBERS, FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT A STATE RESIDENT MAY CONTACT
 24 FOR ASSISTANCE WITH LONG–TERM CARE FAMILY PLANNING.

25 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ~~MAKE~~:

26 (1) MAKE THE MATERIALS PUBLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION
 27 AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND ANY OTHER LANGUAGE, AS THE
 28 DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IS NECESSARY; AND

29 (2) ENSURE THAT THE MATERIALS PUBLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION
 30 ARE UNDERSTANDABLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED LITERACY SKILLS.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

1 (a) On or before April 1, 2022, the following State entities shall update their
2 websites in accordance with recommendation number 5 in the Report of the Maryland
3 Governor’s Task Force on Long–Term Care Planning published in 2018 as required by
4 Chapters 212 and 213 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017:

- 5 (1) the Maryland Health Care Commission;
- 6 (2) the Department of Disabilities; and
- 7 (3) the Department of Aging.

8 (b) The websites the Department of Aging is required to update under subsection
9 (a) of this section includes the Maryland Access Point website.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 January 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.