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By: **Delegate Kelly**

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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, on or before a certain date, certain State agencies to update certain
9 websites in a certain manner; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally
10 relating to long–term care planning.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Health – General

13 Section 20–2001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 20. Long–Term Care
14 Planning”

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

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

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.



1 **20-2001.**

2 (A) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND
3 PUBLISH MATERIALS TO ASSIST MARYLAND RESIDENTS WITH LONG-TERM CARE
4 FAMILY PLANNING.

5 (B) THE MATERIALS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION,
6 CONSISTENT WITH RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4 IN THE REPORT OF THE
7 MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING
8 PUBLISHED IN 2018 AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTERS 212 AND 213 OF THE ACTS OF THE
9 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2017, SHALL:

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

12 (2) BE CONSISTENT WITH THE MOCK-UP PLAN NOW STARTER KIT
13 MATERIALS DETAILED IN RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4; AND

14 (3) INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION, INCLUDING WEBSITES AND
15 PHONE NUMBERS, FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT A STATE RESIDENT MAY CONTACT
16 FOR ASSISTANCE WITH LONG-TERM CARE FAMILY PLANNING.

17 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE MATERIALS PUBLISHED UNDER
18 THIS SECTION AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND ANY OTHER LANGUAGE, AS
19 THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IS NECESSARY.

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

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

25 (1) the Maryland Health Care Commission;

26 (2) the Department of Disabilities; and

27 (3) the Department of Aging.

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.