

Chapter 221

(Senate Bill 174)

AN ACT concerning

Mortality and Quality Review Committee – Duties, Reports, and Data – Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date of certain provisions of law governing the Mortality and Quality Review Committee, including provisions related to the review of data, Committee recommendations, reporting requirements, and the provision of aggregate incident data to the Committee by the Office of Health Care Quality; and generally relating to the Mortality and Quality Review Committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 5–802, 5–803(2) and (4), 5–806.1, and 5–808(a)(1), (2), and (5) and (b)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 268 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006, as amended by Chapters 48 and 49 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009 and Chapters 340 and 341 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012

Section 3

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

Article – Health – General

5–802.

(a) There is a Mortality and Quality Review Committee established within the Department.

(b) The purpose of the Committee is to prevent avoidable injuries and avoidable deaths and to improve the quality of care provided to persons with developmental disabilities.

5–803.

The Committee shall:

(2) Review aggregate incident data regarding facilities or programs that are licensed or operated by the Developmental Disabilities Administration or operating by

waiver under § 7–903(b) of this article;

(4) Make recommendations to the Secretary and the Secretary of Disabilities to prevent avoidable injuries and avoidable deaths and improve quality of care.

5–806.1.

(a) (1) The Office of Health Care Quality shall provide aggregate incident data to the Committee once every 3 months.

(2) When providing aggregate incident data to the Committee, to the extent practicable, the Office of Health Care Quality shall identify trends and patterns that may threaten the health, safety, or well-being of an individual.

(b) The Committee shall review the aggregate incident data and make findings and recommendations to the Department on system quality assurance needs.

(c) The Committee may consult with experts as needed to carry out the provisions of this section.

5–808.

(a) (1) At least once in a calendar year, the Committee shall prepare a report for public distribution.

(2) The report shall include aggregate information that sets forth the numbers of deaths reviewed, the ages of the deceased, causes and circumstances of death, a review of aggregate incident data, a summary of the Committee's activities, and summary findings.

(5) The Developmental Disabilities Administration shall provide the report to the facilities or programs that are operated or licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration or operating by waiver under § 7–903(b) of this article.

(b) (1) In addition to the public report issued under subsection (a) of this section, the Committee or its subcommittee may at any time issue preliminary findings or make preliminary recommendations to the Secretary, the Secretary of Disabilities, the Director of the Developmental Disabilities Administration, the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration, or to the Director of the Office of Health Care Quality.

Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2006, as amended by Chapters 48 and 49 of the Acts of 2009 and Chapters 340 and 341 of the Acts of 2012

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of [16] **26** years and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, [2022] **2032**, with no further action required by the General Assembly,

this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor, April 21, 2022.