

# HOUSE BILL 39

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(4lr0742)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Health and Government Operations/Finance* —

Introduced by **Delegate R. Lewis**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Proofreader.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Residential Service Agencies – Reimbursement – Personal Assistance Services**  
3 **(Homecare Worker Rights Act of 2024)**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse a  
5 residential service agency for personal assistance services only if the personal  
6 assistance services are provided by an individual classified as an employee; and  
7 generally relating to reimbursements to residential service agencies.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 19–4A–10

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2023 Replacement Volume)

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

3 **Article – Health – General**

4 19–4A–10.

5 (A) Except as provided by federal law, licensure under this subtitle does not  
6 entitle a residential service agency to reimbursement by a third party payor.

7 (B) **THE DEPARTMENT MAY REIMBURSE A RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCY**  
8 **FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES ONLY IF THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE**  
9 **SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY AN INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFIED AS AN EMPLOYEE.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 ~~October 1, 2025~~ January 1, 2026.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.