

HB1478/443820/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1478
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Woorman**” and substitute “**Woorman, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena-Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, and Woods**”; in line 2, after “**Health –**” insert “**Report on Establishing a Directory of**”; in the same line, strike “**– Directory**”; and strike beginning with “establish” in line 3 down through “criteria” in line 6 and substitute “**submit a report on the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an online directory of home health care providers for certain purposes to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 8 through 18, inclusive; in line 20, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 20, insert:

“(a) On or before December 31, 2025, the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with stakeholders, including the Maryland Department of Aging, trade associations of residential service agencies, consumer organizations, and employee organizations representing health care workers, shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an online directory of home health care providers for purposes of:

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(1) allowing an individual seeking home health care services to identify a home health care provider in a statewide directory based on specified criteria, such as language proficiency, certifications, previous experience, or special skills; and

(2) supporting statewide communication to home health care providers
for:

(i) retention and recruitment by helping individuals to become and remain enrolled as home and community-based services providers under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;

(ii) workforce development by connecting home health care providers to training and workforce development opportunities that support consumers' specific health needs; and

(iii) facilitating communication with home health care providers in the event of a public health or other emergency.

(b) The report shall include:

(1) information on which other states have established home health care provider directories;

(2) the types of information that would be appropriate to include in a home health care provider directory;

(3) a review of home health care provider directories already established by counties in the State;

(4) a review of existing home health care consumer resources and service programs already available through the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Department of Health Office of Health Care Quality; and

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(5) based on items (1) through (4) of this subsection, recommendations on establishing and maintaining a home health care provider directory based on available federal and State funding for home health care directories.”.

On pages 1 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 23 on page 5, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 25, strike “October” and substitute “June”.