

House Bill 554 (Division of Consumer Protection - Assisted Living Programs)

First Reader, Proposed Amendments

On page 2, after line 17, insert “(C) WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME OF BEING MADE AWARE OF THE APPOINTMENT, THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY SHALL NOTIFY THE DIVISION THAT AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPOINTED A RESIDENT’S REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE AT THE REQUEST OF THE RESIDENT.”

On page 3, strike lines 9 through 14 and replace with “THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REFER AN ALLEGATION OF AN UNFAIR, ABUSIVE, OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE BY AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM TO THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.”

Rationale

The proposed amendments clarify the information to be reported, and the referrals to be made, by the Office of Health Care Quality to the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General. They also clarify the referrals to be made by the Office of Health Care Quality to the Office of the Inspector General within the Department.