

SENATE BILL 197

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(4lr1267)

ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by **Senator Ellis**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

Proofreader.

Proofreader.

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

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

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)

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:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.