

SENATE BILL 619

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By: **Senator Manno**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life – Membership**
3 **and Chair**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain member of the State Advisory Council on Quality
5 Care at the End of Life to serve for a certain number of years as a member and the
6 chair of the Advisory Council after the completion of a certain number of consecutive
7 terms, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; and generally relating to the
8 membership and chair of the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of
9 Life.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 13–1601, 13–1602, and 13–1603
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 13–1601.

19 There is a State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life.

20 13–1602.

21 (a) The Advisory Council consists of the following 23 members:

22 (1) The Attorney General or the Attorney General’s designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (2) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
2 the Senate of Maryland;
- 3 (3) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
4 House;
- 5 (4) The Secretary of Aging or the Secretary's designee;
- 6 (5) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's
7 designee;
- 8 (6) The Secretary of Disabilities or the Secretary's designee; and
- 9 (7) 17 members appointed by the Governor:
- 10 (i) One physician with experience in end-of-life care;
- 11 (ii) One nurse with experience in end-of-life care;
- 12 (iii) One pharmacist with experience in end-of-life care;
- 13 (iv) One physician with experience managing long-term care;
- 14 (v) One nurse with experience managing long-term care;
- 15 (vi) One representative of the health insurance industry;
- 16 (vii) One representative from a managed care organization;
- 17 (viii) One representative of the legal community;
- 18 (ix) One representative from the hospice care community;
- 19 (x) Two representatives from advocacy groups for end-of-life care;
- 20 (xi) Two representatives from religious groups;
- 21 (xii) Two representatives of the general public with experience with
22 end-of-life or long-term care issues;
- 23 (xiii) One representative of the hospital industry; and
- 24 (xiv) One representative of the nursing home industry.
- 25 (b) (1) The term of a member appointed by the Governor is 4 years.

1 (2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
2 appointed and qualifies.

3 (3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the
4 rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

5 (4) A member who serves two consecutive 4-year terms may not be
6 reappointed for 4 years after the completion of those terms.

7 (5) If a vacancy occurs among the members appointed by the Governor, the
8 Governor shall promptly appoint a successor.

9 13–1603.

10 (a) The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Advisory Council.

11 (b) The members present at a meeting are a quorum to do business.

12 (c) The Advisory Council shall meet at least twice a year, at the times and places
13 that it determines.

14 (d) A member of the Advisory Council may not receive compensation but is
15 entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as
16 provided in the State budget.

17 (e) The Department of Aging and the Office of the Attorney General shall jointly
18 provide staff support and technical assistance for the Advisory Council.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the
20 provisions of §§ 13–1602(b)(4) and 13–1603(a) of the Health – General Article, a member of
21 the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life who is serving as a member
22 and the chair of the Advisory Council on July 1, 2015, may serve another 4 years as a
23 member and as the chair of the Advisory Council after the completion of two consecutive
24 4-year terms.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2015.