

SENATE BILL 757

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By: **Senators Peters, Astle, Guzzone, Middleton, Serafini, Smith, Waugh, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nursing Facilities – Quality Assessment – Exemption for State Veterans Home**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting a State–owned nursing facility for veterans from the quality
4 assessment imposed by the Maryland Department of Health on certain nursing
5 facilities; and generally relating to quality assessments on nursing facilities.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Health – General

8 Section 19–310.1(a)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – Health – General

13 Section 19–310.1(b)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 19–310.1.

20 (a) (1) This section applies to a nursing facility, as defined in § 19–301 of this
21 subtitle, that:

22 (i) Has 45 or more beds; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) Operates in the State.

2 (2) This section does not apply to [a]:

3 (I) A nursing home bed in a continuing care retirement community
4 that has obtained a certificate of registration to provide continuing care under Title 10,
5 Subtitle 4 of the Human Services Article; OR

6 (II) A STATE-OWNED NURSING FACILITY FOR VETERANS.

7 (b) (1) The Department may impose a quality assessment on each freestanding
8 nursing facility subject to this section.

9 (2) The amount assessed in the aggregate on all nursing facilities may not
10 exceed 6.0% of the operating revenue for all nursing facilities subject to this section for the
11 previous fiscal quarter.

12 (3) The assessment authorized by this section shall be paid by each nursing
13 facility in accordance with this section.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2018.