

CHAPTER 510

(Senate Bill 861)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force – Urban Senior Care Communities in Baltimore City

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Developing Urban Senior Care Communities in Baltimore City; specifying the membership of the Task Force; specifying the duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; providing that members of the Task Force may receive reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to issue a certain report by a certain date to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force on urban senior care communities.

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

(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Developing Urban Senior Care Communities in Baltimore City.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following ~~seven~~ nine members:

(1) ~~three members appointed by~~ the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(2) ~~three members appointed by~~ the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee; ~~and~~

(3) ~~one member appointed by the Senator from the 40th legislative district~~ the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee; and

(5) five consumer members appointed by the chair of the Task Force.

(c) The chair of the Task Force shall be ~~elected by the members of the Task Force~~ the Secretary of Housing and Community Development or the Secretary's designee.

(d) The Department of ~~Legislative Services~~ Housing and Community Development shall provide the staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The responsibilities of the Task Force include:

(1) studying the feasibility of developing senior care facilities in ~~an urban setting~~ Baltimore City;

(2) investigating the use of tax credits to provide incentives for the private sector to develop senior care facilities; and

(3) investigating the use of Medicaid or Medicare funding for health care services needed by seniors at senior care facilities.

(g) The Task Force shall submit a final report of the findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 31, 2007.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of one year and, at the end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.