

SENATE BILL 945

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By: **Senators Hettleman, Brooks, and Attar**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community-Based Residential Facilities – Licensing Entities – Provision of**
3 **Licensing Criteria and Single Point of Contact**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a licensing authority, on request, to provide to an interested
5 party the criteria used by the licensing authority to determine whether to issue a
6 license for or renew a license of a community facility; requiring a licensing authority
7 to designate a single point of contact to respond to complaints, concerns, or issues
8 regarding a community facility; and generally relating to community-based
9 residential facilities.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 24–2501 and 24–2502 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 25.
13 Community-Based Residential Facilities – Provision of Licensing Criteria and
14 Single Point of Contact”
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 **SUBTITLE 25. COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES – PROVISION OF**
21 **LICENSING CRITERIA AND SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT.**

22 **24–2501.**

23 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
24 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(B) “COMMUNITY FACILITY” MEANS A COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY:

(1) LICENSED UNDER:

(I) TITLE 7.5 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(II) TITLE 8 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(III) TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 22 OF COMAR; OR

(IV) TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 63 OF COMAR; OR

(2) SUBJECT TO TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 31 OF COMAR.

(C) “INTERESTED PARTY” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THE LICENSURE OF THE COMMUNITY FACILITY, INCLUDING A FAMILY MEMBER OF A RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY FACILITY OR AN INDIVIDUAL LIVING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE COMMUNITY FACILITY.

(D) “LICENSING AUTHORITY” MEANS A STATE AGENCY THAT ISSUES A LICENSE FOR A COMMUNITY FACILITY.

24-2502.

(A) ON REQUEST, A LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE TO AN INTERESTED PARTY THE CRITERIA USED BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO ISSUE A LICENSE FOR OR RENEW A LICENSE OF A COMMUNITY FACILITY.

(B) EACH LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL DESIGNATE A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS, CONCERNS, OR ISSUES REGARDING A COMMUNITY FACILITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.