SENATE BILL 313

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By: **Senator Washington**
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AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer's Disease, and Other Types of Dementia

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with the Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council, and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, to incorporate certain information regarding cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, and other types of dementia into relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health; and generally relating to public health outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 18–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

18–110.

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.

THE DEPARTMENT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING, THE VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL, AND THE GREATER MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, SHALL INCORPORATE INFORMATION INTO RELEVANT PUBLIC HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO:

(1) EDUCATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS REGARDING:

(I) THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DETECTION AND TIMELY DIAGNOSIS OF COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT;

(II) VALIDATED ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR THE DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT;

(III) THE VALUE OF A MEDICARE ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT OR OTHER ANNUAL PHYSICAL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD FOR COGNITIVE HEALTH; AND

(IV) THE MEDICARE CARE PLANNING BILLING CODE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT; AND

(2) INCREASE UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS OF:

(I) THE EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA;

(II) THE VALUE OF EARLY DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA; AND

(III) HOW TO REDUCE THE RISK OF COGNITIVE DECLINE, PARTICULARLY AMONG INDIVIDUALS IN BLACK AND LATINO COMMUNITIES WHO ARE AT GREATER RISK OF DEVELOPING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.