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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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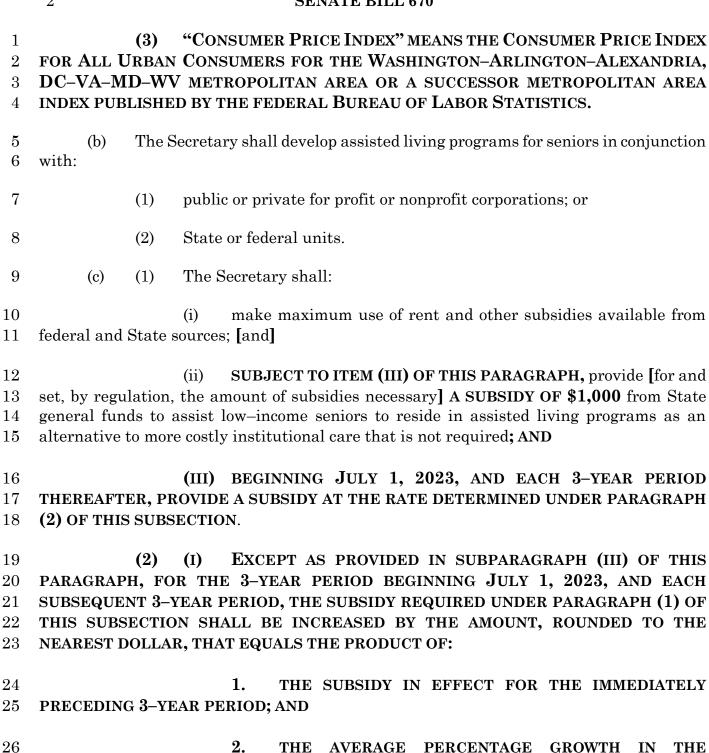
Department of Aging - Assisted Living Program Subsidies - Determinations

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Aging to pay a certain subsidy to certain 4 low-income seniors from certain funds for certain purposes; increasing, except under 5 certain circumstances, a certain subsidy in effect for certain periods of time based on 6 annual growth in a certain consumer price index; requiring the Secretary, beginning 7 at a certain time, to determine and announce the growth in the consumer price index 8 over a certain period of time, if any, and a new subsidy to assist certain low-income 9 seniors to reside in certain assisted living programs; defining a certain term; and generally relating to subsidies for assisted living programs. 10
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Human Services
- 13 Section 10–211
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
- 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 Article – Human Services

- 19 10-211.
- 20 (a) (1) In this section[, "assisted] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE 21 MEANINGS INDICATED.
- 22 **(2)** "ASSISTED living program" has the meaning stated in § 19–1801 of the 23 Health General Article.





30 (II)BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2023, AND EACH MARCH 1 IN THE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 3-YEAR PERIOD, AS

DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II)1 OF THIS

- 31 3-YEAR PERIOD THEREAFTER, THE SECRETARY SHALL DETERMINE AND
- 32 ANNOUNCE:

PARAGRAPH.

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1 2 3	1. THE AVERAGE PERCENTAGE GROWTH, IF ANY, IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BASED ON THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 3-YEAR PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE ON MARCH 1; AND
4 5	2. THE SUBSIDY THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE 3-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING THE FOLLOWING JULY 1.
6 7 8 9	(III) IF THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THERE IS A DECLINE OR NO GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, THE SUBSIDY SHALL REMAIN THE SAME AS THE RATE THAT WAS IN EFFECT FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 3-YEAR PERIOD.
10 11 12 13	[(2)] (3) [Subsidies] THE SUBSIDIES under paragraph [(1) (ii)] (1) of this subsection may include, when necessary and in accordance with available funds, monthly subsidies for residents of assisted living programs whose adjusted gross annual income is less than their cost of care for assisted living services.
14 15 16	[(3)] (4) When necessary and in accordance with available funds, the Secretary shall provide subsidies for congregate meals, housekeeping, and personal services for assisted living programs and develop eligibility requirements for these subsidies.
18	[(4)] (5) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to govern eligibility requirements for subsidies.
20	(d) The Secretary shall:
21	(1) find sponsors for assisted living programs; and
22 23	(2) assist developers in formulating design concepts and meeting program needs.
24 25 26	(e) The Secretary shall review the compliance of assisted living programs with the regulations that the Secretary of Health adopts for licensing these programs to operate in the State.
27 28	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.