

SENATE BILL 725

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By: **Senators Lam, Hayes, and Washington**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive**
3 **Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Other Types of Dementia**

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

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 18–110
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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 **18–110.**

20 **THE DEPARTMENT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING, THE**
21 **VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL,**
22 **AND THE ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION, SHALL INCORPORATE INFORMATION INTO**
23 **RELEVANT PUBLIC HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE**
24 **DEPARTMENT TO:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(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 DIVERSE 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, 2020.**