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By: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program - Regulations
3 4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Aging to consult with the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman when adopting certain regulations that relate to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, including certain annual reviews, resident councils and family councils in long-term care facilities, training and designating ombudsmen, conflicts of interest, and confidentiality of certain information and documents; and
8	generally relating to the Long–Term Care Ombudsman Program.
9 10 11 12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Human Services Section 10–902, 10–904, and 10–906 Annotated Code of Maryland (2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
4	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
16	Article – Human Services
17	10–902.
18	(a) There is a Long–Term Care Ombudsman Program in the Department.
9	(b) The purpose of the Program is to fulfill the requirements of:

the Program under this subtitle; and

the federal Older Americans Act, including the requirements of 42

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U.S.C. § 3058G.

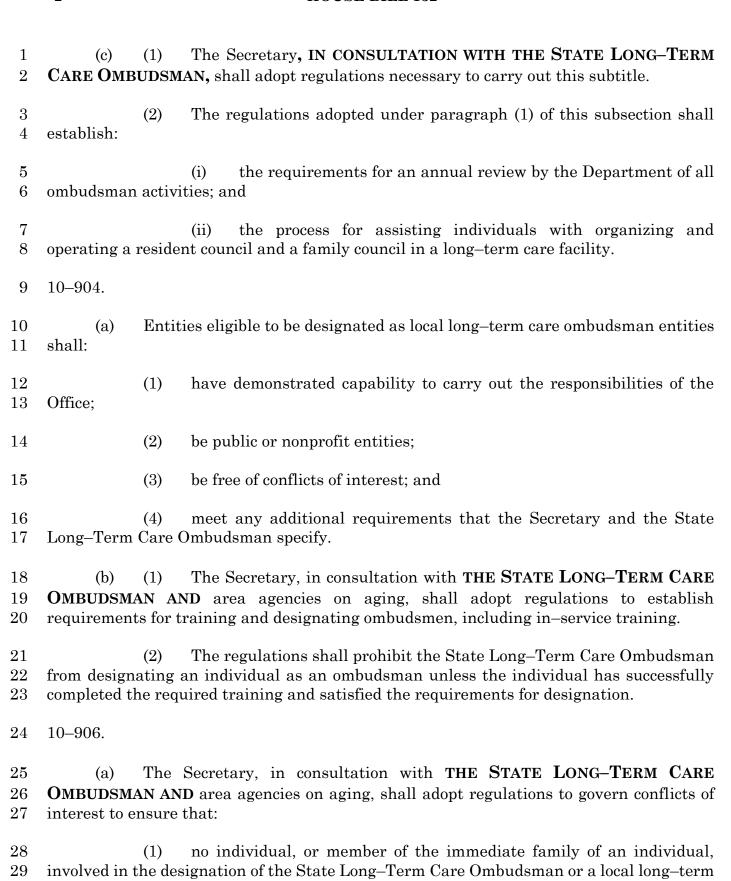
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care ombudsman entity, is subject to a conflict of interest; and

1 (2) no ombudsman or immediate family member of an ombudsman is 2 subject to a conflict of interest.

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- (b) The Secretary, in consultation with THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN AND area agencies on aging, shall adopt regulations governing the confidentiality of information and documents, including resident records, facility records, and complainant identification.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 8 October 1, 2017.