



Task Force's Charge



Legal Authority: Section 27 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024

Link: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2024/>

Summary: The Executive Office of Health and Human services shall establish a Task Force to evaluate the governance and regulatory structure of rest homes in the Commonwealth.

Specifically, the Task Force shall examine the following:

- (i) the licensing, regulatory and reporting structure for rest homes;
- (ii) an inventory of licensed rest homes and licensed rest home beds;
- (iii) the location and service areas of existing rest homes;
- (iv) a review of rest home closures since 2015;
- (v) a review of the recommendations implemented from the nursing facility task force report;
- (vi) the feasibility of receiving federal reimbursement for rest home expenses; and
- (vii) a review of the current rate structure for rest homes compared to the actual cost of care to residents.

The task force shall submit a report of its findings, including any recommendations or proposed legislation necessary to carry out its recommendations, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and to the house and senate committees on ways and means, not later than April 1, 2025.



Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps



Date	Meeting Focus / Topic
Friday, January 10 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Licensing and regulatory structures• DPH rest home data
Friday, January 24 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rest home payment and rate overview
Friday, February 7 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Nursing Facility Task Force recommendations• MARCH presentation• Rest home administrator panel
Friday, February 28 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of recommendations for draft report
Friday, March 14 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of draft report
Tuesday, April 1 – <i>Submission of Report to the Legislature</i>	