

Chapter 378

(House Bill 133)

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing – Notification of Elevated Blood Lead Level

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment or a local health department to notify certain persons on receipt of the results of a blood lead test having a certain elevated blood lead level; and generally relating to the reduction of lead risk in housing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Environment
 Section 6–304 and 6–846
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

6–304.

(a) The Secretary shall assist local governments, if necessary, to provide case management of children with elevated blood lead levels greater than or equal to [15] **10** micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$).

(b) [A local health department that receives the] **ON RECEIPT OF THE** results of a blood test for lead poisoning indicating that a child under 6 years of age has an elevated blood lead level greater than or equal to [15] **10** $\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$ [and less than 20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$], **THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT** shall notify:

(1) The child's [parents] **PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN**; and

(2) In the case of a child who lives in a rental dwelling unit, the owner of the rental dwelling unit where the child resides.

6–846.

(a) [A local health department that receives] **ON RECEIVING** the results of a blood lead test under § 6–303 of this title indicating that a person at risk has an EBL greater than or equal to 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$ before February 24, 2006, or greater than or equal to 10

µg/dl on or after February 24, 2006, **THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT** shall notify:

(1) The person at risk, or in the case of a minor, the parent **OR LEGAL GUARDIAN** of the person at risk, of the results of the test; and

(2) The owner of the affected property in which the person at risk resides or regularly spends at least 24 hours per week of the results of the test.

(b) The notices to be provided to the parent or owner under subsection (a) of this section shall be on the forms prepared by the Department, and shall contain any information required by the Department.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.