

# HOUSE BILL 64

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By: **Delegate Henson**

Requested: October 30, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Labor and Employment – Occupational Safety and Health – Handwashing**  
3 **Facilities on Construction Sites**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring employers operating construction sites in the State to provide  
5 an adequate handwashing facility on the construction sites; requiring that the  
6 handwashing facilities meet certain standards; requiring the employers to allow  
7 workers on the construction sites to have reasonable access to the handwashing  
8 facilities during the workday; defining a certain term; and generally relating to  
9 handwashing facilities on construction sites.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Labor and Employment

12 Section 5–609

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Labor and Employment**

18 **5–609.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “EMPLOYER” INCLUDES A UNIT OF STATE OR LOCAL**  
20 **GOVERNMENT.**

21 **(B) EACH EMPLOYER OPERATING A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN THE STATE**  
22 **SHALL PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE HANDWASHING FACILITY FOR WORKERS**  
23 **PERFORMING JOB DUTIES ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(C) (1) A HANDWASHING FACILITY PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF**  
2 **THIS SECTION SHALL:**

3                           **(I) INCLUDE POTABLE RUNNING WATER;**

4                           **(II) BE LOCATED IN A PLACE ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE THAT**  
5 **IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL WORKERS;**

6                           **(III) BE ADEQUATE FOR THE NUMBER OF WORKERS PRESENT ON**  
7 **THE CONSTRUCTION SITE; AND**

8                           **(IV) BE MAINTAINED IN A CLEAN AND SANITARY CONDITION.**

9                           **(2) EACH EMPLOYER SHALL ALLOW THE WORKERS ON THE**  
10 **CONSTRUCTION SITE TO HAVE REASONABLE OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE**  
11 **WORKDAY TO USE THE HANDWASHING FACILITY.**

12           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2021.