

# HOUSE BILL 470

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Fire–Fighting Training – Oriented Strand Board – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the setting on fire or burning of oriented strand board for  
4 certain fire–fighting training; and generally relating to fire–fighting training and  
5 oriented strand board.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Environment

8 Section 6–1701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Miscellaneous Provisions”

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Environment**

14 **SUBTITLE 17. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

15 **6–1701.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ORIENTED STRAND BOARD” MEANS A**  
17 **MULTILAYERED BOARD THAT IS:**

18 **(1) MADE FROM STRANDS OF WOOD, TOGETHER WITH A BINDER, BY**  
19 **THE APPLICATION OF HEAT AND PRESSURE, WITH THE STRANDS IN THE EXTERNAL**  
20 **LAYER PRIMARILY ORIENTED ALONG THE STRENGTH AXIS OF THE PANEL IN**  
21 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE VOLUNTARY PRODUCT**  
22 **STANDARD PS 2–18, PERFORMANCE STANDARD FOR WOOD STRUCTURAL PANELS;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 AND

2 (2) INTENDED TO BE USED AS A COVERING MATERIAL FOR ROOFS,  
3 SUBFLOORS, AND WALLS WHEN FASTENED TO SUPPORTS.

4 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, USE, OR  
5 DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTS OR MATERIALS THAT CONTAIN ORIENTED STRAND  
6 BOARD FOR PURPOSES OUTSIDE OF FIRE-FIGHTING TRAINING PURPOSES.

7 (C) A PERSON MAY NOT SET ON FIRE OR BURN ORIENTED STRAND BOARD  
8 FOR FIRE-FIGHTING TRAINING PURPOSES.

9 (D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

10 (1) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$500;  
11 AND

12 (2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A CIVIL PENALTY  
13 NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2023.