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**By: Delegates V. Mitchell and Love**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mechanic's Lien - Building Construction or Improvement Costs**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing certain building construction or improvement costs at  
4 the lesser of certain amounts for determining the establishment of alien; and  
5 generally relating to the establishment of a lien for certain construction projects.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Real Property  
8 Section 9-102(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article - Real Property**

14 9-102.

15 (a) Every building erected and every building repaired, rebuilt, or improved to the  
16 extent of THE LESSER OF [25] 20 percent of its value OR \$100,000 is subject to  
17 establishment of a lien in accordance with this subtitle for the payment of all debts,  
18 without regard to the amount, contracted for work done for or about the building and for  
19 materials furnished for or about the building, including the drilling and installation of  
20 wells to supply water, the construction or installation of any swimmingpool or fencing,  
21 the sodding, seeding or planting in or about the premises of any shrubs, trees, plants,  
22 flowers or nursery products, and the grading, filling, landscaping, and paving of the  
23 premises.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 1996.