

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 16 (Delegate Arnick, et al.)  
Environmental Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

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**Lead Paint - Affected Property - Exemption**

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This amended bill provides that a property can be determined to be lead-free and thus exempt from certain provisions of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program if any exterior surfaces that were chipping, peeling, or flaking have been restored lead-free, and if no exterior surfaces are currently chipping, peeling, or flaking. In order to maintain the exemption, the owner must submit certification by an accredited inspector every two years stating that no exterior surface is chipping, peeling, or flaking.

This bill is effective June 1, 1996.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential indeterminate decrease in expenditures. No effect on revenues.

**Local Effect:** Potential indeterminate decrease in expenditures. No effect on revenues.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Background:** State and local government facilities are exempt from statutory lead standards if they are subject to more stringent standards.

**State Expenditures:** This legislation would not affect the administrative costs of the Maryland Department of the Environment, since the change of standards for a lead-free determination would not require additional work, nor would it significantly alter the current method of operation.

To the extent that any State-owned facilities exist that are not exempt from these standards, State expenditures associated with the attainment of compliance with lead-free standards could decrease. On such buildings if this exterior coat was intact (not peeling, chipping, or flaking), the existing lead paint would not need to be scraped off nor would the building need to be repainted.

**Local Expenditures:** To the extent that local government facilities exist that are not exempt from these standards, expenditures associated with the attainment of compliance with lead-free standards would decrease, as discussed above.

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