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**By: Delegates Poole and Donoghue**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mechanics' Liens - Architectural and Engineering Services**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that work done for or about a building, for purposes of the  
4 establishment of a lien, includes the provision of certain architectural and  
5 engineering services under certain circumstances; providing for the application of  
6 this Act; and generally relating to mechanics' liens.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Real Property  
9 Section 9-102(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Real Property**

15 9-102.

16 (a) Every building erected and every building repaired, rebuilt, or improved to the  
17 extent of 15 percent of its value is subject to establishment of a lien in accordance with  
18 this subtitle for the payment of all debts, without regard to the amount, contracted for  
19 work done for or about the building and for materials furnished for or about the building,  
20 including:

21 (1) [the]THE drilling and installation of wells to supply water [,];

22 (2) [the]THE construction or installation of any swimming pool or  
23 fencing[,];

24 (3) [the]THE sodding, seeding or planting in or about the premises of any  
25 shrubs, trees, plants, flowers or nursery products[,];

26 (4) [the]THE grading, filling, landscaping, and paving of the premises[,]  
27 and];

28 (5) [the]THE leasing of equipment, with or without an operator, for use for  
29 or about the building or premises; AND

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1                   (6) THE PROVISION OF ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES,  
2 INCLUDING DESIGN SERVICES, THAT HAVE RESULTED IN IMPROVEMENTS ON OR  
3 ABOUT THE BUILDING OR PREMISES.

4                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to  
5 architectural or engineering services provided on or after October 1, 1997.

6                   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 1997.