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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Lead Paint - Exterior Surfaces**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "exterior surfaces" to include certain  
4 surfaces in certain areas of a multifamily rental dwelling; altering the definition  
5 of "rental dwelling unit" to exclude certain common areas; and generally  
6 relating to lead paint.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Environment  
9 Section 6-801(g) and (t)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Environment**

15 6-801.

16 (g) "Exterior surfaces" means:

17 (1) All fences and porches that are part of an affected property; [and]

18 (2) All outside surfaces of an affected property that are accessible to a  
19 child and that:

20 (i) Are attached to the outside of an affected property; or

1 (ii) Consist of other buildings that are part of the affected property;  
2 AND

3 (3) ALL PAINTED SURFACES IN STAIRWAYS, HALLWAYS, ENTRANCE  
4 AREAS, RECREATION AREAS, LAUNDRY AREAS, AND GARAGES WITHIN A  
5 MULTIFAMILY RENTAL DWELLING UNIT THAT ARE COMMON TO INDIVIDUAL  
6 DWELLING UNITS AND ARE ACCESSIBLE TO A CHILD.

7 (t) (1) "Rental dwelling unit" means a room or group of rooms that form a  
8 single independent habitable rental unit for permanent occupation by one or more  
9 individuals that has living facilities with permanent provisions for living, sleeping,  
10 eating, cooking, and sanitation.

11 (2) "Rental dwelling unit" does not include:

12 (i) An area not used for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, or  
13 sanitation, such as an unfinished basement;

14 (ii) A unit within a hotel, motel, or similar seasonal or transient  
15 facility;

16 (iii) An area which is secured and inaccessible to occupants; OR

17 (iv) [A common area which is not part of, or adjoining, a rental  
18 dwelling unit within a multifamily rental dwelling; or

19 (v)] A unit which is not offered for rent.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 1998.