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House Bill 1052 (Delegate Marriott. *et al.*)
(Baltimore City Administration)

Environmental Matters

Lead Poisoning Prevention - Property Inspection - Notice

This bill pertains to the lead rental registry program in the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). It requires an owner of an affected property to include a copy of the current verified inspection certificate with the notice provided to the owner's tenants of their rights under the lead rental registry program. The certificate will be provided with such notice upon the execution of a lease or the inception of a tenancy.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: An owner of affected property is required to give any tenant of that property a notice prepared by MDE of the tenant's rights under the lead rental registry program. An owner is required to provide such a notice upon execution of a lease, inception of a tenancy, and at least every two years thereafter. An owner is provided with a verified report of the result of lead-contaminated dust testing or visual inspection by the person performing the test or inspection.

Background: MDE's lead rental registry program requires property owners of residential

rental units built before 1950 to annually register each rental unit with MDE. By registering with the program, liability to property owners from lead paint exposure is capped at \$17,000. Owners of previously registered units can opt out of the program by sending a lead-free certification issued by an accredited inspector to MDE. Currently, there are approximately 110,000 properties registered.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 720 (Senator McFadden - Judicial Proceedings) is identified as a cross file although it is different.

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