By: **Delegates Rosenberg, Krysiak, and Kirk** Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2002 Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Department of Housing and Community Development - Lead Hazard
Reduction Grant Program - Criteria for Approval

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program to make

- 5 grants for certain related local health and safety code compliance activities;
- 6 authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to
- 7 establish criteria determining the eligibility of certain related local health and
- 8 safety code compliance activities for grants; repealing certain provisions of law
- 9 relating to certain requirements that must be met to qualify for a grant;
- 10 repealing certain provisions of law relating to the repayment of grants; and
- 11 generally relating to the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 13 Article 83B Department of Housing and Community Development
- 14 Section 2-1406
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development

20 2-1406.

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21 (a) There is a Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program.

22 (b) The Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program may make grants [solely] to

23 fund lead hazard reduction AND RELATED LOCAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 24 COMPLIANCE activities:

25 (1) In residential properties located in areas of the State designated by 26 the Department to be areas with a concentration of:

27(i)1.Children who have been diagnosed with elevated blood28 lead; or

2 **HOUSE BILL 1179** 1 2. Residential property constructed before 1950; and 2 (ii) Families of limited income; or 3 (2)Consisting of programs designed to test innovative or unproven 4 methods of lead hazard reduction. 5 The Department may establish criteria to determine the eligibility of a (c) 6 lead hazard reduction activity AND A RELATED LOCAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 7 COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY for a grant from the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program, which may include: 8 9 The extent to which the lead hazard reduction activity benefits (1)10 families of limited income; 11 (2)The need and circumstances of the owner-occupant or tenants of the 12 residential property in which the proposed lead hazard reduction activity will be 13 undertaken; and 14 (3)Whether the grant funds research into innovative or unproven 15 methods for lead hazard reduction. In determining whether to make a grant from the Lead Hazard Reduction 16 [(d)] 17 Grant Program, the Department shall require that the owner of the residential

18 property or child care center submit evidence that the owner does not have the

19 capacity to undertake lead hazard reduction activity unless the owner receives a20 grant.

21 (e) For grants made under the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program, the
22 Department may require that a grant be repaid, in whole or in part, upon the
23 occurrence of conditions specified by the Department.]

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 25 October 1, 2002.