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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of the Environment - Paint Retailers - Brochures on Lead Risk**  
3 **Reduction**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a retailer to distribute a certain brochure including  
5 certain information to a customer who purchases paint or paint supplies;  
6 requiring the Department of the Environment to develop and provide the  
7 brochures to retailers; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the  
8 disclosure of information concerning lead poisoning and lead risk reduction.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article - Environment  
11 Section 1-101(a) and (d)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article - Environment  
16 Section 6-848.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Environment**

22 1-101.

23 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (d) "Department" means the Department of the Environment.

1 6-848.1.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "RETAILER" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO SELLS PAINT OR  
3 PAINT SUPPLIES TO A CONSUMER.

4 (B) A RETAILER SHALL DISTRIBUTE A BROCHURE TO A CUSTOMER WHO  
5 PURCHASES PAINT OR PAINT SUPPLIES THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING  
6 INFORMATION:

7 (1) THE DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF LEAD POISONING;

8 (2) LEAD RISK REDUCTION MEASURES;

9 (3) SAFE RENOVATION PRACTICES; AND

10 (4) RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE STATE TO ASSIST HOMEOWNERS  
11 AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN LEAD RISK REDUCTION.

12 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND PROVIDE THE BROCHURES  
13 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO RETAILERS.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
15 effect October 1, 2003.