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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a retailer to ~~distribute~~ display a certain ~~brochure~~ poster
5   including certain information ~~to a customer who purchases paint or paint~~
6   ~~supplies~~ in certain areas; requiring the Department of the Environment to
7   develop and provide ~~the brochures~~ certain posters to retailers; defining a certain
8   term; requiring the Department to work with certain entities to develop certain
9   brochures and to identify certain sources of revenue for certain purposes; and
10   generally relating to the disclosure of information concerning lead poisoning and
11   lead risk reduction.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13   Article - Environment
14   Section 1-101(a) and (d)
15   Annotated Code of Maryland
16   (1996 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18   Article - Environment
19   Section 6-848.1
20   Annotated Code of Maryland
21   (1996 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

1   **Article - Environment**

2 1-101.

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

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

5 6-848.1.

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

8   (B)   A RETAILER SHALL ~~DISTRIBUTE A BROCHURE TO A CUSTOMER WHO~~
9 ~~PURCHASES PAINT OR PAINT SUPPLIES THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING~~
10 ~~INFORMATION:~~

11   ~~(1)   THE DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF LEAD POISONING;~~

12   ~~(2)   LEAD RISK REDUCTION MEASURES;~~

13   ~~(3)   SAFE RENOVATION PRACTICES; AND~~

14   ~~(4)   RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE STATE TO ASSIST HOMEOWNERS~~
15 ~~AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN LEAD RISK REDUCTION~~ DISPLAY A POSTER DEVELOPED
16 AND PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION:

17   (1)   WITHIN AN AREA IN WHICH PAINT OR PAINT SUPPLIES ARE SOLD OR
18 DISPLAYED; OR

19   (2)   AT EACH REGISTER OR CHECK-OUT AISLE.

20   (C)   THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND PROVIDE ~~THE BROCHURES~~
21 ~~REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION~~ A POSTER TO RETAILERS THAT
22 INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

24   (2)   A PHONE NUMBER THAT CONSUMERS CAN CALL FOR ASSISTANCE IN
25 LEAD RISK REDUCTION AND SAFE RENOVATION PRACTICES.

26   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland
27 Department of the Environment shall work with nonprofit organizations, including
28 the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, paint manufacturers, including the
29 National Paint & Coatings Association, and paint retailers, to:

30   (a)   Develop a consumer brochure on the hazards of lead paint and safe
31 renovation practices for distribution to retailers of paint and paint supplies in the
32 State; and

1   (b)   Identify potential sources of revenue to develop and distribute the
2 brochure.

3   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
4 effect October 1, 2003.