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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Waste Management Administration - Lead Poisoning Prevention

- 3 FOR the purpose of making winter work waivers automatic except under certain
- 4 conditions; reducing the elevated blood lead level required to make a certain
- 5 qualified offer; reducing the elevated blood lead level that initiates a certain
- 6 notice to property owners; requiring property owners to perform certain
- 7 procedures for a certain event to satisfy certain requirements; eliminating the
- 8 grace period for certain violations; providing a transition period for residential
- 9 rental property change in ownership; altering certain definitions; and generally
- 10 relating to lead poisoning prevention.
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Environment
- 13 Section 6-801(g), 6-804, 6-815(d), 6-817, 6-819(c), (e), and (j), 6-828, 6-830,
- 14 6-846, and 6-850
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland

1	(1996 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)			
2 3 4 5 6	BY adding to Article—Environment Section 6-815(f) and 6-819(l) Annotated Code of Maryland (1996 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)			
7 8 9 10 11	Section 6-815(e) and 6-819(f) and (g) Annotated Code of Maryland			
12 13	2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 3 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;			
18 19	(2) All outside surfaces of an affected property that are accessible to a child and that ARE:			
20 21	(i) [Are attached] ATTACHED to the outside of an affected property; or			
24 25 26 27	(ii) [Consist of other] OTHER buildings AND STRUCTURES, INCLUDING PLAY EQUIPMENT, BENCHES, AND LAUNDRY LINE POLES, that are part of the affected property, EXCEPT BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES OWNED BY PUBLIC UTILITIES, CABLE PROVIDERS OR A UNIT OF FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR ANY PUBLIC, QUASI PUBLIC, OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT ARE NOT OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE OWNER OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTY; and			
	(3) All painted surfaces in stairways, hallways, entrance areas, recreation areas, laundry areas, and garages within a multifamily rental dwelling unit that are common to individual dwelling units and are accessible to a child.			
32	6-804.			
33 34	(a) Affected property is exempt from the provisions of Part IV of this subtitle if the owner submits to the Department an inspection report that:			

	(1) of lead-based pain Department by reg	Indicates that the affected property has been tested for the presence tin accordance with standards and procedures established by the ulation;
4	(2)	States that:
5 6	lead-free; OR	(i) All interior AND EXTERIOR surfaces of the affected property are
9		(ii) <u>1.</u> All INTERIOR SURFACES OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTY E AND NO <u>ALL</u> exterior painted surfaces of the affected property that ng, peeling, or flaking thave been restored with nonlead-based
11 12	chipping, peeling	(iii) 2. No exterior painted surfaces of the affected property are or flaking]; and
13 14	(3) the test.	Is verified by the Department accredited inspector who performed
17	subtitle UNDER every 2 years a ce	der to maintain exemption from the provisions of Part IV of this A)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION, the owner shall submit to the Department rtification, by a Department accredited inspector, stating that no urface of the affected property is chipping, peeling, or flaking.
19	6-815.	
22 23 24	(2) of this subsect to be performed u specified, during	Exterior work required to satisfy the risk reduction standard may be to a waiver approved by the appropriate person under paragraph ion,] during any time period in which exterior work is not required nder an applicable local housing code or, if no such time period is he period from November 1 through April 1, inclusive UNLESS EDERED BY THE CODE OFFICIAL FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE HOUSING
		MUM LIVABILITY CODE OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.
29		[A waiver under paragraph (1) of this subsection may be approved by or enforcement of the housing code or minimum livability code of the or, if there is no such official, the Department of Housing and lopment.
		Notwithstanding the terms of the waiver, all] ALL work delayed in aragraph (1) of this subsection shall be completed within 30 days applicable time period.
34 35 36	not affect the obli	(3) Any delay allowed under paragraph (1) of this subsection may gation of the owner to complete all other components of the risk l and to have those components inspected and verified.

[(5)](4)If the owner has complied with the requirements of paragraph 1 2 [(4)] (3) of this subsection, the owner may rent the affected property during any 3 period of delay allowed under paragraph (1) of this subsection. 4 On request of a local jurisdiction, the Secretary may designate the code 5 official for enforcement of the housing code or minimum livability code for the local 6 jurisdiction, or an appropriate employee of the local jurisdiction, to conduct 7 inspections under this subtitle. 8 (F) (1)EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 6 819(C)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND IN 9 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2005, AN OWNER 10 WHO ACQUIRES, THROUGH AN ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION, ONE OR MORE 11 AFFECTED PROPERTIES THAT ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND IN 12 WHICH NO PERSON AT RISK RESIDES SHALL SATISFY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS 13 SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: (I) FOR AN OWNER ACQUIRING 1 AFFECTED PROPERTY THAT IS 14 15 NOT IN COMPLIANCE, WITHIN 30 DAYS; FOR AN OWNER ACQUIRING 2 TO 5 AFFECTED PROPERTIES (H)16 17 THAT ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE, WITHIN 90 DAYS; (III)FOR AN OWNER ACQUIRING 6 TO 10 AFFECTED PROPERTIES 18 THAT ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE, WITHIN 135 DAYS; AND 19 (IV) FOR AN OWNER ACQUIRING MORE THAN 10 AFFECTED 20 21 PROPERTIES THAT ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE, WITHIN 180 DAYS. ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2005, AN OWNER WHO ACQUIRES, 22 23 THROUGH AN ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION, AN AFFECTED PROPERTY THAT IS NOT 24 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND IN WHICH A PERSON AT RISK RESIDES 25 SHALL SATISFY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WITHIN 30 DAYS. 26 6-817. 27 On and after February 24, 2001, an owner of affected properties shall (a) (1) 28 ensure that at least 50% of the owner's affected properties have satisfied the risk 29 reduction standard specified in § 6-815(a) of this subtitle, without regard to the 30 number of affected properties in which there has been a change in occupancy. Notwithstanding any other remedy that may be available, an 31 (2) 32 owner who fails to meet the requirements of subsections (a)(1) and (c) of this section 33 shall lose the liability protection under § 6-836 of this subtitle for any alleged injury 34 or loss caused by the ingestion of lead by a person at risk that is first documented by 35 a test for EBL of 20 ug/dl or more PERFORMED on or after BETWEEN February 24, 36 2001 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2006, INCLUSIVE, OR 15 UG/DL OR MORE PERFORMED ON OR 37 AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2006, in any of the owner's units that have not satisfied the risk 38 reduction standard specified in § 6-815(a) of this subtitle and the inspection 39 requirement of subsection (c) of this section.

3 4 5 6 7 8 9	protection under § 6-5 THAT THE OWNER THIS SECTION for a person at risk that is f PERFORMED ON O INCLUSIVE, OR 15	836 of thi MEETS any allege irst documents RAFTE UG/DL (ECTION: s subtitle THE RE ed injury mented b R BETW OR MOR	OR AFTER THE DATE THAT THE OWNER MEETS THE S (A)(1) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE liability shall be reinstated ON OR AFTER THE DATE EQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (A)(1) AND (C) OF or loss caused by the ingestion of lead by a y a test for EBL of 20 ug/dl or more EEN FEBRUARY 24, 2001 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2006, E PERFORMED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2006 [on the requirements of subsections (a)(1) and (c)
13		the owner ner has be	r's affecte een notifi	ruary 24, 2006, an owner of affected properties shall ed properties in which a person at risk resides, ed in writing, have satisfied the risk reduction subtitle.
17 18 19 20 21 22	or of § 6-819(e) of the subtitle for any allegarisk that is first documents and the subtitle for any allegarisk that is first documents and the subtitle for any 24, 2006 in reduction standard specific for the subtitle for any allegaring the subtitle for any allegaring for the subtitle for any allegaring for allegaring for any allegari	nis subtitled injury mented by any of the becified in this section	equirement e shall lo or loss cay y a test for ne owner' n § 6-815 n, or the	istanding any other remedy that may be available, an ints of subsections (b)(1) and (c) of this section, see the liability protection under § 6-836 of this aused by the ingestion of lead by a person at or EBL of [20] 15 ug/dl or more on or after is units that have not satisfied the risk is units subtitle, the inspection requirement modified risk reduction standard specified in §
26 27	documented by a test	t for EBL nts of sub	ry or loss of [20] 1 sections	pility protection under § 6-836 of this subtitle shall be a caused by the ingestion of lead that is first 1.5 ug/dl or more after the date that the owner (b)(1) and (c) of this section and the itle.
29 30	proves that the nonco	(iii) ompliance		visions of this paragraph do not apply if the owner from:
31 32	efforts; or		1.	A tenant's lack of cooperation with the owner's compliance
33			2.	Legal action affecting access to the unit.
34	(3)	Notice g	given und	ler subsection (b)(1) of this section shall be sent by:
35		(i)	Certifie	d mail, return receipt requested; or
36		(ii)	A verifi	able method approved by the Department.
39	change in occupancy the affected property	is treated shall hav	d to satisf we the pro	affected property which has not undergone a by the requirements of this section, the owner of operty inspected to verify that the risk (a) has been satisfied.

		of the ter	ants of th	property shall be responsible for the cost of any he affected property that is necessary to fulfill
6 7	PARAGRAPH (2) OF WHO ACQUIRES, T	F THIS S THROUG RTIES SI	UBSECT H AN AI TALL SA	DED IN § 6 819(C)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND TION, ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2005, AN OWNER RM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION, ONE OR MORE ATISFY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IN WING SCHEDULE:
9 10	DAYS;	(I)	FOR AN	N OWNER ACQUIRING 1 AFFECTED PROPERTY, WITHIN 30
11 12	WITHIN 90 DAYS;	(II)	FOR AN	N OWNER ACQUIRING 2 TO 5 AFFECTED PROPERTIES,
13 14	WITHIN 135 DAYS	(III) ; AND	FOR AN	N OWNER ACQUIRING 6 TO 10 AFFECTED PROPERTIES,
15 16	PROPERTIES, WIT	(IV) HIN 180		N OWNER ACQUIRING MORE THAN 10 AFFECTED
19		M'S LEN	GTH TR	FEBRUARY 24, 2006, AN OWNER WHO ACQUIRES, RANSACTION, AN AFFECTED PROPERTY IN WHICH A L SATISFY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION
21	6-819.			
22 23	(c) (1) satisfy the modified i			23, 1996, an owner of an affected property shall adard:
26	TEST FOR EBL great	ater than	ty has an o	30 days after receipt of written notice that a person at elevated blood lead level DOCUMENTED BY A to 15 ug/dl BEFORE FEBRUARY 24, 2006, OR 0 UG/DL ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2006; or
	WITHIN 30 days after source, of:	(ii) er receipt		as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, within en notice from the tenant, or from any other
31			1.	A defect; and
32			2.	The existence of a person at risk in the affected property.
35 36	BLOOD LEAD LEV UG/DL OR A NOTI	F) OR (G) EL, AS I CE OF D	OF THI DOCUMI EFECT,	OF AN AFFECTED PROPERTY SATISFIES THE IS SECTION AFTER THE DATE OF AN ELEVATED IENTED BY A TEST, EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 15 THE OWNER SHALL HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS ION STANDARD (I) AN OWNER WHO DECEMES

39 FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

1 MULTIPLE NOTICES OF AN ELEVATED BLOOD LEVEL UNDER THIS SUBSECTION OR 2 MULTIPLE NOTICES OF DEFECT UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION MAY 3 SATISFY ALL SUCH NOTICES BY SUBSEQUENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE RISK 4 REDUCTION MEASURES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AS 5 DOCUMENTED BY SATISFACTION OF SUBSECTION (F) OR SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS 6 SECTION, IF THE OWNER COMPLIES WITH THE RISK REDUCTION MEASURES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AFTER THE DATE OF THE TEST DOCUMENTING THE ELEVATED BLOOD LEVEL OR AFTER THE DATE THE NOTICES OF 9 DEFECT WERE ISSUED. 10 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT AFFECT AN (II)11 OWNER'S OBLIGATION TO PERFORM THE RISK REDUCTION MEASURES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR A TRIGGERING EVENT THAT OCCURS AFTER 13 THE OWNER SATISFIES THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH. 14 [After February 23, 1996, and before May 23, 1997, an owner of a 15 number of affected properties shall satisfy the modified risk reduction standard within the specified period after receipt of written notice from the tenant, or from any other source, of a defect in accordance with the following schedule: 18 For an owner of 300 or fewer affected properties, within 30 days; (i) 19 and 20 (ii) For an owner of more than 300 affected properties: 21 1. If the owner has received notice from the tenant, or from 22 any other source, of the existence of a person at risk in the affected property, within 23 60 days; or 24 2. If the owner has not received notice from the tenant, or 25 from any other source, of the existence of a person at risk in the affected property, 26 within 90 days.] ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2005, AN OWNER WHO ACOUIRES. 27 THROUGH AN ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION, AN AFFECTED PROPERTY THAT IS NOT 28 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION SHALL SATISFY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS 29 SECTION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER ACQUISITION. 30 Except as provided in § 6 817(b) of this subtitle, on and after February 24, 31 2006, an owner of affected properties shall: [ensure] ENSURE that 100% of the owner's affected properties in 32 (1)which a person at risk does not reside have satisfied the modified risk reduction 34 standard; AND 35 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION, ON OR 36 AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2006, AN OWNER WHO ACQUIRES, THROUGH AN ARM'S LENGTH 37 TRANSACTION, AN AFFECTED PROPERTY IN WHICH NO PERSON AT RISK RESIDES 38 SHALL SATISFY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

1 2	DAYS;	(I)	FOR AN OWNER ACQUIRING 1 AFFECTED PROPERTY, WITHIN 30				
3	WITHIN 90 DAYS;	(II)	FOR AN OWNER ACQUIRING 2 TO 5 AFFECTED PROPERTIES,				
5 6	WITHIN 135 DAYS;	(III) AND	FOR AN OWNER ACQUIRING 6 TO 10 AFFECTED PROPERTIES,				
7 8	PROPERTIES, WITH	(IV) HN 180 I	FOR AN OWNER ACQUIRING MORE THAN 10 AFFECTED DAYS.				
11 12	(f) (1) An owner of an affected property shall verify satisfaction of the modified risk reduction standard by submitting a statement of the work performed on the property, verified by the tenant and an accredited supervisor or contractor, to the Department on or before the tenth day of the month following the month in which the work was completed.						
16	performed on the affe	tact an in	If the tenant fails or refuses to verify the statement of work perty, the owner shall within 5 business days of the spector accredited under § 6-818(a) of this subtitle to				
			The inspector's report shall either certify that the work required tion was satisfactorily completed or specify precisely ed.				
21		(iii)	If additional work is required:				
			1. The owner shall have 20 days after receipt of the perform the work, subject to a weather delay under the this section; and				
25 26	the additional work is	s complet	2. The inspector shall reinspect the affected property after ed and:				
27			A. Issue a report certifying that the work is complete; and				
28 29) days aft	B. Mail a copy of the report to the tenant, the owner, and the er the inspection or reinspection.				
32	affected property may	y elect to	ng the modified risk reduction standard, the owner of an pass the test for lead-contaminated dust under § 6-816 ny chipping, peeling, or flaking paint has been removed				
34 35	(1) rental dwelling unit is		rior painted surfaces of the residential building in which the and				
36	(2)	The inte	rior painted surfaces of the rental dwelling unit.				

(i) 1 (1)Exterior work required to satisfy the modified risk reduction 2 standard may be delayed[, pursuant to a waiver approved by the appropriate person 3 under paragraph (2) of this subsection, during any time period in which exterior 4 work is not required to be performed under an applicable local housing code or, if no such time period is specified, during the period from November 1 through April 1, inclusive, UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE CODE OFFICIAL FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE HOUSING CODE OR MINIMUM LIVABILITY CODE OF THE 8 LOCAL JURISDICTION. 9 (2)A waiver under paragraph (1) of this subsection may be approved by 10 the code official for enforcement of the housing code or minimum livability code of the local jurisdiction, or, if there is no such official, the Department of Housing and Community Development. 13 Notwithstanding the terms of the waiver, all ALL work delayed in 14 accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be completed within 30 days 15 after the end of the applicable time period. 16 [(4)]Any delay allowed under paragraph (1) of this subsection may (3)17 not affect the obligation of the owner to complete all other components of the risk 18 reduction standard and to have those components inspected and verified. 19 AN OWNER WHO ACQUIRES AN AFFECTED PROPERTY ON OR AFTER (L) 20 OCTOBER 1, 2005, THAT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL SATISFY 21 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER ACQUISITION. 22 6-828. 23 (a) This section applies to an owner of an affected property who has, with 24 respect to the affected property, complied with the applicable requirements of §§ 25 6-811, 6-812, 6-815, 6-817, and 6-819 of this subtitle, and has sent to the tenant the 26 notices required by §§ 6-820 and 6-823 of this subtitle. 27 (b) A person may not bring an action against an owner of an affected property for damages arising from alleged injury or loss to a person at risk caused by the ingestion of lead by a person at risk that is first documented by a test for EBL of 25 30 ug/dl or more performed on or after BETWEEN February 24, 1996 AND FEBRUARY 23, 31 2001, INCLUSIVE, or 20 ug/dl or more performed on or after BETWEEN February 24, 32 2001 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2006, INCLUSIVE, OR 15 UG/DL OR MORE PERFORMED ON OR 33 AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2006, unless the owner has been given: 34 Written notice from any person that the elevated blood level of a (1) 35 person at risk is: 36 (i) Greater than or equal to 25 ug/dl as first documented by a test for EBL performed on or after BETWEEN February 24, 1996 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2001, INCLUSIVE; [or] 38 On or after BETWEEN February 24, 2001 AND FEBRUARY 23, 39 (ii) 40 2006, INCLUSIVE, an EBL greater than or equal to 20 ug/dl as first documented by a

- 10 **UNOFFICIAL COPY OF HOUSE BILL 251** 1 test for EBL performed on or after BETWEEN February 24, 2001 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2 2006, INCLUSIVE; OR 3 (III)ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2006, AN EBL GREATER THAN OR 4 EQUAL TO 15 UG/DL AS FIRST DOCUMENTED BY A TEST FOR EBL PERFORMED ON OR 5 AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2006; and An opportunity to make a qualified offer under § 6-831 of this 6 (2) 7 subtitle. 8 6-830. 9 If, on or after BETWEEN February 24, 1996 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2001, INCLUSIVE, 10 the concentration of lead in a whole venous blood sample of a person at risk tested 11 within 30 days after the person at risk begins residence or to regularly spend at least 12 24 hours per week in an affected property that is certified as being in compliance with 13 the provisions of § 6-815 of this subtitle is greater than or equal to 25 ug/dl, or, on and 14 after BETWEEN February 24, 2001 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2006, INCLUSIVE, greater than 15 or equal to 20 ug/dl, OR, ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2006, GREATER THAN OR EQUAL 16 TO 15 UG/DL, it shall be presumed that the ingestion of lead occurred before a person 17 at risk began residing or regularly spending at least 24 hours per week in the affected 18 property. 19 6-846. 20 A local health department that receives the results of a blood lead test 21 under § 6-303 of this title indicating that a person at risk has an EBL greater than or 22 equal to 15 ug/dl BEFORE FEBRUARY 24, 2006, OR GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 10 23 UG/DL ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2006, shall notify: 24 The person at risk, or in the case of a minor, the parent of the person (1) 25 at risk, of the results of the test; and The owner of the affected property in which the person at risk resides 26 (2) or regularly spends at least 24 hours per week of the results of the test. 28 (b) The notices to be provided to the parent or owner under subsection (a) of 29 this section shall be on the forms prepared by the Department, and shall contain any
- 30 information required by the Department.
- 31 6-850.
- 32 (a) Except as provided in § 6-849 of this subtitle, in addition to any other
- 33 remedies provided in this subtitle, the provisions and procedures of §§ 7-256 through
- 34 7-264 and 7-266(b) of this article shall be used and shall apply to enforce violations of
- 35 this subtitle, provided that the penalty imposed under § 7-266(b)(2)(i) of this article
- 36 may not exceed \$250 per day for any violation of this subtitle [which is not cured
- 37 within 20 days after receipt of notice of the violation by the owner].

- 1 (b) If an accredited supervisor falsely verifies that work was performed on an 2 affected property pursuant to \S 6-819(f) of this subtitle, the owner of the affected
- 3 property who employs the supervisor and who has actual knowledge of the false
- 4 verification shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$15,000.
- 5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 6 October 1, 2005.