

HB1183/120412/1

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1183
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Inspection and Disclosure –”; in the same line, after “Mold” insert “Assessment Standards – Task Force”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “purchasers” in line 10 and substitute “establishing the Task Force on the Development of Mold Assessment Standards in Residential Real Property; providing for the membership of the Task Force; providing for the designation of the chair of the Task Force; providing for staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to certain agencies and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Development of Mold Assessment Standards in Residential Real Property”; and strike in their entirety lines 11 through 15, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 17, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 17, insert:

“(a) There is a Task Force on the Development of Mold Assessment Standards in Residential Real Property.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee; and

(5) the following three members, jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House:

(i) one member of the Legislative Liaison Committee of the Section of Real Property, Planning and Zoning of the Maryland State Bar Association; and

(ii) two individuals with knowledge of assessment and remediation of mold in indoor environments in residential real property.

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study the feasibility of adopting standards for quantities of mold in indoor environments in residential real property that do not cause adverse effects on health or property value; and

(2) make recommendations to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Department of the Environment on the development of standards for quantities of mold in indoor environments in residential real property that do not cause adverse effects on health or property value.

(g) On or before December 31, 2008, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Maryland Department of the Environment and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On pages 1 through 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 2 on page 8, inclusive.

On page 8, in line 4, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after “2007.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 18 months and, at the end of December 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.”