

HOUSE BILL 236

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Reducing Lead Risk in Housing – Lead Paint Dust Testing**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for certain property owners to satisfy
4 certain lead risk reduction standards relating to certain changes in occupancy
5 in certain properties; requiring certain lead risk reduction standards to be
6 performed in accordance with certain requirements; making certain conforming
7 changes; and generally relating to reducing lead risk in housing.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Environment
10 Section 6–815(a) and (b), 6–816, and 6–819(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

13 BY repealing
14 Article – Environment
15 Section 6–819(g)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Environment**

21 6–815.

22 (a) No later than the first change in occupancy in an affected property that
23 occurs on or after February 24, 1996, before the next tenant occupies the property, an

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 owner of an affected property shall initially satisfy the risk reduction standard
2 established under this subtitle by:

3 (1) Passing the test for lead-contaminated dust under § 6-816 of this
4 subtitle provided that any chipping, peeling, or flaking paint has been removed or
5 repainted on:

6 (i) The exterior painted surfaces of the residential building in
7 which the rental dwelling unit is located; and

8 (ii) The interior painted surfaces of the rental dwelling unit;
9 [or] AND

10 (2) Performing the following lead hazard reduction treatments:

11 (i) A visual review of all exterior and interior painted surfaces;

12 (ii) The removal and repainting of chipping, peeling, or flaking
13 paint on exterior and interior painted surfaces;

14 (iii) The repair of any structural defect that is causing the paint
15 to chip, peel, or flake that the owner of the affected property has knowledge of or, with
16 the exercise of reasonable care, should have knowledge of;

17 (iv) [Stripping and repainting] **REPAINTING**, replacing, or
18 encapsulating all interior **LEAD-BASED PAINT OR UNTESTED PAINTED** windowsills
19 with vinyl, metal, or any other material in a manner and under conditions approved
20 by the Department;

21 (v) Ensure that caps of vinyl, aluminum, or any other material
22 in a manner and under conditions approved by the Department, are installed in all
23 window wells **WHERE LEAD-BASED PAINT OR UNTESTED PAINT EXISTS** in order to
24 make the window wells smooth and cleanable;

25 (vi) Except for a treated or replacement window that is free of
26 lead-based paint on its friction surfaces, fixing the top sash, **SUBJECT TO LOCAL**
27 **FIRE CODE STANDARDS**, of all windows in place in order to eliminate the friction
28 caused by movement of the top sash;

29 (vii) Rehanging all doors necessary in order to prevent the
30 rubbing together of a lead-painted surface with another surface;

31 (viii) Making all bare floors smooth and cleanable;

32 (ix) Ensure that all kitchen and bathroom floors are overlaid
33 with a smooth, water-resistant covering; and

1 (x) HEPA-vacuuming and washing of the interior of the
2 affected property with high phosphate detergent or its equivalent, as determined by
3 the Department.

4 (b) At each change in occupancy thereafter, before the next tenant occupies
5 the property, the owner of an affected property shall satisfy the risk reduction
6 standard established under this subtitle by:

7 (1) Passing the test for lead-contaminated dust under § 6-816 of this
8 subtitle; [or] **AND**

9 (2) (i) Repeating the lead hazard reduction treatments specified in
10 subsection (a)(2)(i), (ii), (iii), and (x) of this section; and

11 (ii) Ensuring that the lead hazard reduction treatments
12 specified in subsection (a)(2)(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), and (ix) of this section are still in
13 effect.

14 6-816.

15 The Department shall establish procedures and standards for the [optional]
16 lead-contaminated dust testing by regulation.

17 6-819.

18 (a) The modified risk reduction standard shall consist of performing the
19 following [lead hazard reduction treatments]:

20 (1) **PASSING THE TEST FOR LEAD-CONTAMINATED DUST UNDER §**
21 **6-816 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

22 (2) **PERFORMING THE FOLLOWING LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION**
23 **TREATMENTS:**

24 [(1)] (I) A visual review of all exterior and interior painted surfaces;

25 [(2)] (II) The removal and repainting of chipping, peeling, or flaking
26 paint on exterior and interior painted surfaces;

27 [(3)] (III) The repair of any structural defect that is causing the paint
28 to chip, peel, or flake, that the owner of the affected property has knowledge of or, with
29 the exercise of reasonable care, should have knowledge of;

30 [(4)] (IV) [Stripping and repainting] **REPAINTING**, replacing, or
31 encapsulating all interior **LEAD-BASED PAINT OR UNTESTED PAINTED** windowsills

1 with vinyl, metal, or any other material in a manner and under conditions approved
2 by the Department;

3 [(5) (V) Ensure that caps of vinyl, aluminum, or any other material
4 in a manner and under conditions approved by the Department, are installed in all
5 window wells **WHERE LEAD-BASED PAINT OR UNTESTED PAINT EXISTS** in order to
6 make the window wells smooth and cleanable;

7 [(6) (VI) Except for a treated or replacement window that is free of
8 lead-based paint on its friction surfaces, fixing the top sash, **SUBJECT TO LOCAL
9 FIRE CODE STANDARDS**, of all windows in place in order to eliminate the friction
10 caused by the movement of the top sash;

11 [(7) (VII) Rehanging all doors in order to prevent the rubbing together
12 of a lead-painted surface with another surface;

13 [(8) (VIII) Ensure that all kitchen and bathroom floors are overlaid
14 with a smooth, water-resistant covering; and

15 [(9) (IX) HEPA-vacuuming and washing with high phosphate
16 detergent or its equivalent, as determined by the Department, any area of the affected
17 property where repairs were made.

18 [(g) In lieu of satisfying the modified risk reduction standard, the owner of an
19 affected property may elect to pass the test for lead-contaminated dust under § 6-816
20 of this subtitle provided that any chipping, peeling, or flaking paint has been removed
21 or repainted on:

22 (1) The exterior painted surfaces of the residential building in which
23 the rental dwelling unit is located; and

24 (2) The interior painted surfaces of the rental dwelling unit.]

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2009.