

# SENATE BILL 18

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request  
– Departmental – Environment)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Lead Poisoning Prevention  
4 Commission; repealing certain requirements related to the Commission's  
5 development of recommendations for establishing a window replacement program;  
6 repealing certain provisions requiring the Commission to study and collect  
7 information related to the availability of certain insurance and the adequacy of  
8 certain qualified offer caps; altering the subjects that the Commission may appoint  
9 a subcommittee to study; repealing the requirement for the Department of the  
10 Environment to consult with the Commission on establishing certain optional  
11 lead-contaminated dust testing standards; and generally relating to the Lead  
12 Poisoning Prevention Commission.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Environment  
15 Section 6–807 and 6–810  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

18 BY repealing  
19 Article – Environment  
20 Section 6–809  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Environment**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 6–807.

2 (a) There is a Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission in the Department.

3 (b) (1) The Commission consists of [19] 18 members.

4 (2) Of the [19] 18 members:

5 (i) One shall be a member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by  
6 the President of the Senate;

7 (ii) One shall be a member of the Maryland House of Delegates,  
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

9 (iii) [17] 16 shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

10 1. The Secretary or the Secretary's designee;

11 2. The Secretary of Health or the Secretary's designee;

12 3. The Secretary of Housing and Community Development or  
13 the Secretary's designee;

14 4. The Maryland Insurance Commissioner or the  
15 Commissioner's designee;

16 5. The Director of the Early Childhood Development  
17 Division, State Department of Education, or the Director's designee;

18 6. A representative of local government;

19 7. A representative [from an insurer that offers premises  
20 liability coverage in the State] **OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS ON LEAD  
21 POISONING PREVENTION ISSUES IN THE STATE;**

22 [8. A representative of a financial institution that makes  
23 loans secured by rental property;

24 9.] **8.** A representative of owners of rental property located  
25 in Baltimore City built before 1950;

26 [10.] **9.** A representative of owners of rental property  
27 located outside Baltimore City built before 1950;

1 [11.] 10. A representative of owners of rental property built  
2 after 1949;

3 [12.] 11. A representative of a child health or youth advocacy  
4 group;

5 [13.] 12. A health care provider;

6 [14.] 13. A child advocate;

7 [15.] 14. A parent of a lead poisoned child;

8 [16.] 15. A lead hazard identification professional; and

9 [17.] 16. A representative of child care providers.

10 (3) In appointing members to the Commission, the Governor shall give due  
11 consideration to appointing members representing geographically diverse jurisdictions  
12 across the State.

13 (c) (1) (i) The term of a member appointed by the Governor is 4 years.

14 (ii) A member appointed by the President and Speaker serves at the  
15 pleasure of the appointing officer.

16 (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided  
17 for the members of the Commission on October 1, 1994.

18 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
19 appointed and qualifies.

20 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the  
21 remainder of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

22 [6–809.

23 (a) In consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Community Development,  
24 the Commission shall develop recommendations for establishing a program that would  
25 provide financial incentives or assistance to owners of affected property to replace windows.

26 (b) In developing recommendations for a window replacement program, the  
27 Commission shall consider the feasibility and desirability of merging a window replacement  
28 program into existing housing programs.

29 (c) The Commission shall include in its first annual report under § 6–810 of this  
30 subtitle its recommendations for establishing a window replacement program.]

1 6–810.

2 (a) The Commission shall study and collect information on the:

3 (1) Effectiveness of this subtitle in:

4 (i) Protecting children from lead poisoning; and

5 (ii) Lessening risks to responsible owners;

6 (2) Effectiveness of the treatments specified in §§ 6–815 and 6–819 of this  
7 subtitle, including recommendations for changes to those treatments;

8 [(3) Availability of third-party bodily injury liability insurance and  
9 premises liability insurance for affected property, including waivers of lead hazard  
10 exclusion and coverage for qualified offers made under Part V of this subtitle;]

11 [(4) (3) Ability of State and local officials to respond to lead poisoning  
12 cases;

13 [(5) (4) Availability of affordable housing; **AND**

14 [(6) Adequacy of the qualified offer caps; and]

15 [(7) (5) Need to expand the scope of this subtitle to other property  
16 serving persons at risk, including child care centers, family child care homes, and preschool  
17 facilities.

18 (b) The Commission may appoint a subcommittee or subcommittees to study the  
19 following subjects relating to lead and lead poisoning:

20 (1) [Medical referral] **CASE MANAGEMENT;**

21 (2) Regulation and compliance;

22 (3) [Worker] **LEAD PAINT ABATEMENT SERVICE PROVIDER** education  
23 **AND TRAINING;**

24 (4) Social services;

25 (5) Educational services;

26 (6) Legal aspects;

- 1           (7)    [Employer services] **BLOOD LEAD TESTING;**
- 2           (8)    Abatement of lead sources;
- 3           (9)    Financial subsidies and other encouragement and support for the  
4 abatement of the causes of lead poisoning;
- 5           (10)   Laboratory services; and
- 6           (11)   Other subjects that the Commission considers necessary.

7           (c)    The Commission shall review the implementation and operation of this  
8 subtitle and, on or before January 1 of each year, starting in 1996, submit a report to the  
9 Governor and, subject to the provisions of § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the  
10 General Assembly on the results of the review, and the Commission’s recommendations  
11 concerning this subtitle, other lead poisoning issues, and the need for further action that  
12 the Commission determines to be necessary.

13           [(d)   The Department shall consult with the Commission on establishing the  
14 optional lead–contaminated dust testing standards under § 6–816 of this subtitle and in  
15 developing regulations to implement this subtitle.]

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2020.