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1 AN ACT concerning

2 Public Safety – Natural Gas and Liquefied Propane Piping Systems –
Construction Requirements
(Flynn and Laird Act)

5 FOR the purpose of requiring prohibiting the use of certain materials to be used in the
construction of fuel gas piping systems in residential and commercial certain
buildings; and generally relating to fuel gas piping systems.

8 BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 12–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

16 12–206.

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
Strike-out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
amendment.
(2) “Black iron pipe” means pipe that is made of nongalvanized steel with a dark iron oxide coating on the surface.

(3) “CSST” means arc-resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing.

(B) This section applies to residential and commercial buildings any building that uses fuel gas piping systems not subject to Title 49, Part 192 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(C) Only black iron pipe or CSST may be used in the new construction of a gas piping system in a residential or commercial building.

(D) If a gas appliance within a residential or commercial building is replaced, the gas line to the appliance may be replaced only with black iron pipe or CSST.

(B) Non–arc–resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing may not be used in:

(1) The new construction of a customer–owned natural gas or liquefied propane piping system in a building;

(2) A natural gas or liquefied propane piping system in a renovated property if the renovation affects more than 50% of the total square footage of the property; or

(3) A natural gas or liquefied propane piping system that requires the addition of a new gas line to the gas piping system.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any new construction for which a building permit is issued before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.