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BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 976
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “**Workgroup on Mold Standards and Remediation**”; strike in their entirety lines 3 through 8, inclusive, and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Mold Standards and Remediation to study certain information on mold assessment and remediation and report certain findings and recommendations; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Mold Standards and Remediation.”

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 1 through line 9 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Workgroup on Mold Standards and Remediation.

(b) The purpose of the Workgroup is to study information on mold assessment and remediation to determine the best practices for identifying mold, preventing the development of mold within indoor environments, and remediating indoor moldy conditions harmful to public health.

(c) The Workgroup shall consist of the following members:

(1) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary’s designee;

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(2) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

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

(4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee; and

(5) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee.

(d) The Workgroup may consist of the following members:

(1) one representative designated by the American Industrial Hygiene Association;

(2) one representative designated by the American Indoor Air Quality Council;

(3) one representative designated by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists;

(4) one representative designated by the National Organization of Remediators and Microbial Inspectors;

(5) one representative designated by the Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification; and

(6) one representative from any other nationally recognized accreditation entity that operates independently of industry trade associations, designated by the Department of the Environment.

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(e) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee, shall be the chair of the Workgroup.

(f) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(g) A member of the Workgroup:

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

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

(h) The Workgroup shall:

(1) study information related to mold standards and remediation practices provided by:

(i) the Environmental Microbiology Laboratory Accreditation Program in the American Industrial Hygiene Association;

(ii) the American Industrial Hygiene Association;

(iii) the American Indoor Air Quality Council;

(iv) the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists;

(v) any other nationally recognized accreditation entities that operate independently of industry trade associations;

(vi) state governments; and

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(vii) international governments;

(2) study the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s 2008 Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings Guidelines, as revised and updated;

(3) study the extent to which climate change may increase mold development within indoor environments; and

(4) recommend the best practices for:

(i) identifying mold;

(ii) preventing the development of mold within indoor environments; and

(iii) remediating indoor moldy conditions harmful to public health.

(i) On or before October 1, 2024, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.