

Chapter 225

(Senate Bill 872)

AN ACT concerning

Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing – Rental Dwelling Unit – Definition

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “rental dwelling unit” for purposes of provisions of law governing the reduction of lead risk in housing; and generally relating to the reduction of lead risk in housing.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 6–801(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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Article – Environment
Section 6–801(u)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Environment

6–801.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(u) (1) “Rental dwelling unit” means a room or group of rooms that form a single [independent] habitable rental unit for permanent occupation by one or more individuals that has living facilities with, **OR ACCESS TO**, permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

(2) “Rental dwelling unit” does not include:

(i) An area not used for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, or sanitation, such as an unfinished basement;

(ii) A unit within a hotel, motel, or similar seasonal or transient facility;

- (iii) An area which is secured and inaccessible to occupants; or
- (iv) A unit which is not offered for rent.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.