

# HOUSE BILL 1549

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Environment  
8 Section 6–801(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Environment  
13 Section 6–801(u)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Environment**

19 6–801.

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

21 (u) (1) “Rental dwelling unit” means a room or group of rooms that form a  
22 single [independent] habitable rental unit for permanent occupation by one or more

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 individuals that has living facilities with, **OR ACCESS TO**, permanent provisions for living,  
2 sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

3 (2) "Rental dwelling unit" does not include:

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

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

8 (iii) An area which is secured and inaccessible to occupants; or

9 (iv) A unit which is not offered for rent.

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