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By: Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Lead Paint Abatement Services – Performance Bond and**
3 **Liability Insurance**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain regulations adopted by the Department of the
5 Environment to include certain requirements for any person who is accredited by the
6 Department to provide lead paint abatement services to be covered by a performance
7 bond or liability insurance; and generally relating to lead paint abatement services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Environment

10 Section 6–1001 and 6–1002

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Environment

15 Section 6–1003

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Environment**

21 6–1001.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(1) The removal of lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust, the containment or encapsulation of lead-based paint, the replacement or demolition of lead-painted surfaces or fixtures, and the removal or covering of lead-contaminated soil;

(2) All preparation, cleanup, disposal, and postabatement clearance testing activities associated with these measures; and

10 (3) The renovation, repair, and painting of a lead-containing substance in
11 a residential, public, or commercial building built before 1978.

12 (c) "Lead containing substance" means:

19 (d) "Person" includes any public or municipal corporation, or any agency, bureau,
20 department, or instrumentality of federal, State, or local government.

21 (e) "Provide lead paint abatement services" means to engage in the risk
22 assessment, inspection, or abatement of lead-containing substances.

23 6-1002.

24 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, unless the person is
25 accredited by the Department under this subtitle, a person may not:

26 (1) Act as a contractor or supervisor for the purpose of providing lead paint
27 abatement services;

30 (3) Engage in the inspection of lead-based paint hazards.

31 (b) The Department shall, by regulation, create exceptions to the accreditation
32 requirement for instances where the disturbance of lead-containing substance is
33 incidental.

3 6-1003.

6 (b) Regulations adopted under this subtitle may include:

9 (2) Standards and procedures for renewal of accreditation;

10 (3) Standards and procedures for modification, suspension, or revocation of
11 accreditation;

12 (4) Different standards and procedures for different lead paint abatement
13 services;

14 (5) Standards and procedures for abatement involving the renovation,
15 repair, and painting of lead-containing substances, including a requirement for lead-dust
16 testing;

17 (6) Recognition of accreditation or similar approvals of persons by other
18 governmental entities: [and]

24 (c) The Department shall review and revise its certification and other regulations
25 under this subtitle as necessary to ensure continued eligibility for federal funding of
26 lead-hazard activities in the State.

27 (d) The Department shall set reasonable fees for the accreditation of persons who
28 provide lead paint abatement services sufficient to cover the Department's direct and
29 indirect costs of administering this subtitle.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
31 1, 2026.