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

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CHAPTER _____

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:

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.



1 **Article – Environment**

2 6–1001.

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

4 (b) “Abatement” means a set of measures that eliminate or reduce lead-based
5 paint hazards in residential, public, or commercial buildings, bridges, or other structures
6 or superstructures in accordance with standards established by the Department which may
7 include:8 (1) The removal of lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust, the
9 containment or encapsulation of lead-based paint, the replacement or demolition of
10 lead-painted surfaces or fixtures, and the removal or covering of lead-contaminated soil;11 (2) All preparation, cleanup, disposal, and postabatement clearance testing
12 activities associated with these measures; and13 (3) The renovation, repair, and painting of a lead-containing substance in
14 a residential, public, or commercial building built before 1978.

15 (c) “Lead containing substance” means:

16 (1) Any paint, plaster, or surface encapsulation material containing more
17 than 0.50 percent lead by weight calculated as lead metal in the dried solid or more than
18 0.7 milligrams lead per square centimeter as measured by an X-ray fluorescence analyzer;
19 or20 (2) Such other standards consistent with an applicable federal definition
21 as the Department may set by regulation.22 (d) “Person” includes any public or municipal corporation, or any agency, bureau,
23 department, or instrumentality of federal, State, or local government.24 (e) “Provide lead paint abatement services” means to engage in the risk
25 assessment, inspection, or abatement of lead-containing substances.

26 6–1002.

27 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, unless the person is
28 accredited by the Department under this subtitle, a person may not:29 (1) Act as a contractor or supervisor for the purpose of providing lead paint
30 abatement services;31 (2) Provide training to others who provide lead paint abatement services;
32 or

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

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

5 (c) An individual who acts only as a worker or project designer need not be
6 accredited, but must be trained.

7 6-1003.

8 (a) The Department shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this
9 subtitle.

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

11 (1) Initial and continuing standards and procedures for accreditation,
12 including education, training, examination, and job performance standards;

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

14 (3) Standards and procedures for modification, suspension, or revocation of
15 accreditation;

16 (4) Different standards and procedures for different lead paint abatement
17 services;

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

21 (6) Recognition of accreditation or similar approvals of persons by other
22 governmental entities; [and]

23 (7) **REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY PERSON WHO IS ACCREDITED BY THE**
24 **DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE LEAD PAINT ABATEMENT SERVICES TO BE COVERED BY**
25 **A REASONABLE PERFORMANCE BOND OR REASONABLE LIABILITY INSURANCE; AND**

26 (8) Such other provisions as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of
27 this subtitle.

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

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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.