

# HOUSE BILL 1540

*Environment – Mold Inspections – Standards, Reporting, and Penalties*

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## What will HB1540 do?

- Provide **uniform** regulatory standards for mold assessment and remediation
- **Strengthen** tenant's rights
  - Landlords will be required to disclose mold hazards in rental properties
  - Creates a remedy in local District Court
- Require **annual** indoor air quality reporting and mold inspections

## Why is this legislation important?

Maryland has **NO** laws to protect citizens from the harmful effects of mold exposure

This legislation helps to:

- **Establish** best practices to eliminate mold hazards in accordance with EPA standards
- **Improve** indoor air quality
- **Decrease** school absences due to respiratory issues
- **Reduce** Medicaid expenditures for ER visits
- **Increase** business for licensed contractors



**HB1540 provides protection for schools, childcare centers, rental dwellings, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities for the elderly affected by mold**

# The Facts

- Mold can grow on any surface (shower curtains, towels, floors, walls) in damp areas (bathrooms, basements)
- Mold exposure can result in chronic lung disease, asthma, as well as eye and throat irritation
- Mold disproportionately affects low-income communities
- Reducing asthma triggers such as mold in the form of energy efficiency interventions can result in energy savings for families

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Asthma is the number one reason children are absent from school

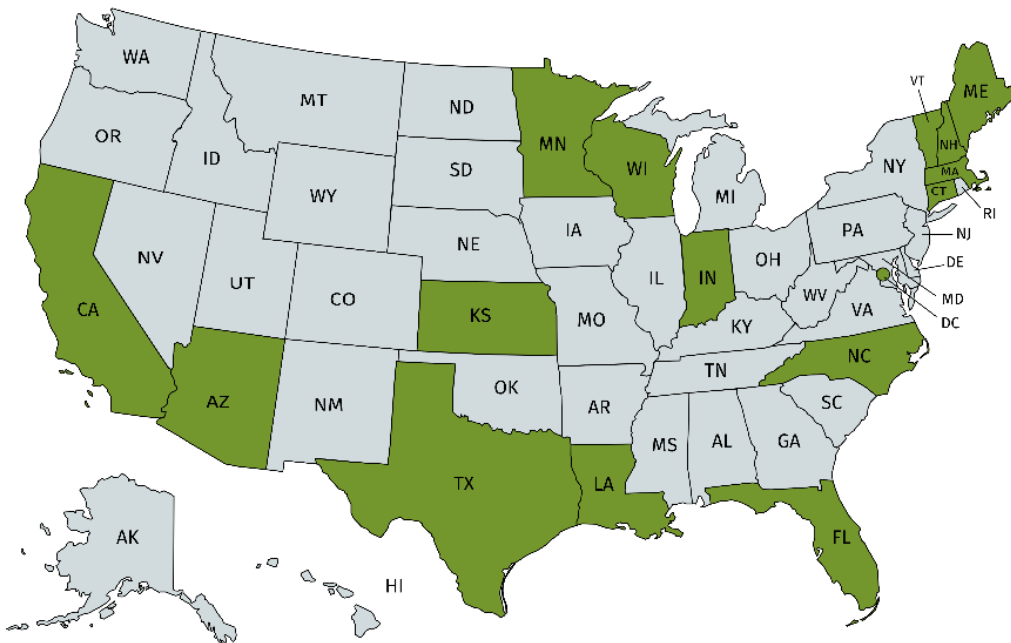


# 9.4%

Percent of Maryland adults in 2017 who have asthma<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Centers for Disease Control. *Most Recent Asthma State or Territory Data*. Retrieved 20 February 2020. [https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/most\\_recent\\_data\\_states.htm#source](https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/most_recent_data_states.htm#source)

## How does Maryland compare to other states?



States with indoor air quality mold legislation

15 states and DC have indoor air quality mold legislation

**Be Bold. Stop Mold.**  
**Support HB1540**