

HB 1540 - Environment - Mold Inspections - Standards, Reporting, and Penalties

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BE BOLD. STOP MOLD.

This Bill Will:



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- Provide regulatory standards for mold inspection and remediation
- Create enforcement channels by which instances of mold can be reported

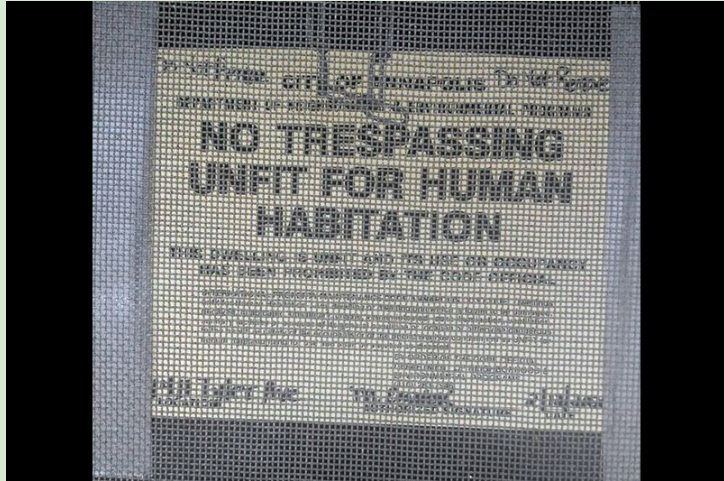


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There are state laws to protect Marylanders from the impact of exposure to in-home environmental hazards such as *radon*, *asbestos*, *lead-based paint*, and *methane*, BUT NONE FOR MOLD.



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Fifteen states and D.C. have indoor air quality mold regulations, including California, Louisiana and Florida. This bill is similar in nature while specifically tailored to Maryland's needs.

Health Effects



Exposure to mold contributes to:

- Chronic lung disease
- Asthma attacks
- Coughing & wheezing
- Burning eyes



Figure 7 - Apartment 808 B Ventilation Duct

Similar Bills Have:

- Reduced ER visits relating to asthma
- Reduced Medicaid expenditure
- Decreased school absentee rates due to health issues