



**Bill Title:** House Bill 1110, Environment - Lead Poisoning Prevention - Elevated Blood Lead Level

**Committee:** Environment and Transportation

**Date:** March 2, 2022

**Position:** Favorable

This testimony is offered on behalf of the Maryland Multi-Housing Association (MMHA). MMHA is a professional trade association established in 1996, whose members consist of owners and managers of more than 210,000 rental housing homes in over 958 apartment communities. Our members house over 538,000 residents of the State of Maryland. MMHA also represents over 250 associate member companies who supply goods and services to the multi-housing industry.

This bill amends case management and notification requirements for cases of children with certain elevated blood lead levels depending on specific dates. The bill also requires the Department of the Environment to study and report on the most effective means of incorporating the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Blood Lead Reference Value into the State's lead poisoning prevention programs on or before December 31, 2022.

House Bill 1110 provides the Department of the Environment and local health departments additional time to properly staff to perform the necessary environmental investigations.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 1110.

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