



**The Maryland Department of the Environment
Secretary Serena McIlwain**

House Bill 1113

***Environment – Dust–Lead Hazard Standards and Dust–Lead Clearance Levels –
Adoption***

Position: Support with Amendments
Committee: Environment and Transportation
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The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) **SUPPORTS HB 1113 WITH AMENDMENTS**. The bill would allow MDE’s Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to move closer to its goal of removing lead hazards from Maryland homes, and contribute to lowering occurrences of elevated blood lead levels in children and pregnant women. Additionally, HB 1113 would ensure that Maryland’s dust-lead standards are consistent with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) dust-lead standards.

Bill Summary

As amended by the sponsor, HB 1113 would require MDE, within 6 months after the EPA’s adoption of a regulation to lower the acceptable dust-lead standards takes effect, to adopt regulations consistent with EPA’s standards. This would include Maryland dust-lead standards used for abatement and clearance inspections for lead abatement projects, satisfying lead risk reduction standards, and identifying dust-lead hazards during an environmental investigation. With the amendments, HB 1113 would also allow MDE additional time to adopt dust-lead standards that are consistent with EPA standards with the consent of both the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

Position Rationale

MDE supports HB 1113, as amended, as it would assist in the regulation of lead hazards in homes and the lowering of occurrences of elevated blood lead levels for children and pregnant women. House Bill 1113 would also ensure that Maryland dust-lead standards remain consistent with EPA dust-lead standards.

For the reasons detailed above, MDE asks for a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report for HB 1113.

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