

FOR the purpose of defining certain terms; providing for and requiring the issuance of a license by the Department in order to engage in the encapsulation or removal of asbestos; providing for the encapsulation or removal of asbestos; providing for the expiration and renewal of certain licenses; providing for the maintenance of certain records by certain individuals; providing that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt certain rules and regulations by a certain date; providing that asbestos may not be removed without a license; providing for the waiver of the licensure requirements under certain conditions; providing a hearing mechanism; providing that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may reprimand any licensee, or suspend or revoke any license under certain conditions; providing that the Department shall adhere to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act in implementing the provisions of this Act; providing certain civil and criminal penalties and generally relating to the licensure and removal or encapsulation of asbestos.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health  
Section 810A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

810A.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS, A KNOWN CARCINOGENIC AGENT, CREATES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH HAZARD TO MARYLAND CITIZENS;

(2) THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PROJECTS TO REMOVE THIS HAZARD HAS EXPOSED ASBESTOS REMOVERS TO THIS HAZARD; AND

(3) IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO PROTECT ASBESTOS REMOVERS FROM THIS HAZARD BY REQUIRING ADHERENCE TO STRICT SAFETY STANDARDS ON ASBESTOS REMOVAL PROJECTS.

(B) (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.