

tive Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 54A thereof, to provide that the State Department of Health shall ~~establish~~ ADOPT minimum standards for safety glass or tempered glass to protect the health and safety of the public; to make it unlawful to install glass in any door or window in any public building or in certain dwelling units, under certain conditions, unless the glass meets or exceeds the minimum standards; to permit the State Department of Health to enter into appropriate agreements with other State agencies or political subdivisions for the enforcement of this Act; to provide that this Act not apply in any political subdivision which has adopted, as part of its building code, standards no less stringent than the standards adopted by the State Department of Health; and to provide for violations of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 54B be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Cumulative Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 54A thereof and to read as follows:

54B.

(a) *The State Department of Health shall ~~establish~~ ADOPT such minimum standards for safety glass or tempered glass GLAZING as may be necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.*

(b) *After January 1, 1970, it shall be unlawful to install in any door or window in any public building or in any dwelling unit in the State any glass in excess of 300 square inches if any part of such glass extends to a height of less than 18 inches above the floor, unless the glass meets or exceeds the minimum standards for safety glass or tempered glass established by the State Department of Health.*

(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE GLAZING STANDARDS OF THE BOCA BASIC BUILDING CODE, 1965 EDITION, 1968 ACCUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT, AFTER JANUARY 1, 1970. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO INSTALL IN ANY BUILDING IN THE STATE ANY GLAZING MATERIAL NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE STANDARDS SO ADOPTED.

(c) *The provisions of this section shall not apply to installation of glass in a dwelling unit which is occupied solely by the owner and his immediate household.*

(d) *The State Department of Health may enter into appropriate agreements with any other agency of the State or its political subdivisions for the enforcement of the provisions of this section.*

(e) *The provisions of this section shall not apply in any political subdivision which has adopted, as part of its building code, standards no less stringent than the standards adopted by the State Department of Health.*

(f) *Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.*