

BY adding to

Article 89 - Division of Labor and Industry
 Section 29(j) and 33(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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29.

(J) FOR THE PURPOSES OF § 33(F), "CONFINED SPACE" MEANS A SPACE WHICH BY DESIGN HAS LIMITED OPENINGS FOR ENTRY AND EXIT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE ACCUMULATION OF TOXIC OR COMBUSTIBLE AGENTS OR TO A DEFICIENCY OF OXYGEN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENCLOSED OR OPEN-TOPPED TANKS, PROCESS OR REACTION VESSELS, BASINS, BINS, PITS, TUBS, SILOS, VATS, DEGREASERS, DUCTS, SEWERS, TUNNELS, AND PIPELINES, AND IN WHICH THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED OR SERVICES PROVIDED CONSIST OF CLEANING, PAINTING, REPAIRING, MAINTENANCE, SERVICE, INSPECTION, OR OTHER SIMILAR WORK.

33.

(F) ANY EMPLOYER WHO IS A SUBCONTRACTOR AS DEFINED BY THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, IN WRITING OR ORALLY, OF THE START OF WORK, NOT LESS THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE THE START OF ANY WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY THE SUBCONTRACTOR IN A CONFINED SPACE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 32(D) § 29(J) OF THIS SUBTITLE. WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE ORAL NOTIFICATION, THE EMPLOYER SHALL SUBMIT WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "SUBCONTRACTOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO ENTERS INTO ANY CONTRACT WITH A CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY PART OF A CONTRACT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.

CHAPTER 340

(House Bill 22)

AN ACT concerning