

certain times; prohibiting any employer from possessing or keeping asbestos protective clothing in certain places; placing certain requirements on any employer who requires or requests any employee to use asbestos protective clothing during a certain time; providing for the enforcement and implementation of these provisions; and generally relating to asbestos protective clothing and occupational safety and health.

BY adding to

Article 89 - Division of Labor and Industry  
Section 49D  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 89 - Division of Labor and Industry

49D.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS:

(1) THAT EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS, A KNOWN CARCINOGENIC AGENT, CREATES A SIGNIFICANT HAZARD TO THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE;

(2) THAT ASBESTOS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, IF USED IMPROPERLY OR NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED, WILL EXPOSES EXPOSE WORKERS TO THIS HAZARD;

(3) THAT PROTECTIVE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AS SUBSTITUTES FOR ASBESTOS; AND

(4) THAT IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM THIS HAZARD BY RESTRICTING AND ELIMINATING THE USE OF ASBESTOS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.

(B) (1) (I) AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT PURCHASE ANY ITEM OF NEW OR USED ASBESTOS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR USE BY ANY EMPLOYEE.

(II) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL IN MARYLAND ANY ITEM OF NEW OR USED ASBESTOS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.

(III) AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT REQUIRE OR REQUEST ANY EMPLOYEE TO USE ANY ITEM OF NEW OR USED ASBESTOS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING THAT WAS PURCHASED AFTER JULY 1, 1984.

(2) AFTER JULY 1, 1985, AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT REQUIRE OR REQUEST ANY EMPLOYEE TO USE ANY ITEM OF NEW OR USED ASBESTOS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.