

Department; defining certain terms a certain term; providing for the purpose of this Act; requiring the Department to maintain a central repository for information on hazardous or toxic chemicals; requiring the Department to adopt certain rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this Act; requiring the Department consult with the Division of Labor and Industry when adopting certain rules and regulations and to notify employers of certain requests; generally relating to the providing of public access to certain persons to certain information on hazardous or toxic chemicals by the Department; providing for a delayed effective date; and making provisions of this Act severable.

BY adding to

Article - Health - Environmental  
Section 6-501 through 6-504, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Public Access to Information on Hazardous or Toxic Chemicals"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 89 - Division of Labor and Industry  
Section 32H  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - Environmental

SUBTITLE 5. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC CHEMICALS

6-501.

~~{A}--IN--THIS--SUBTITLE,--"HAZARDOUS--OR--TOXIC--CHEMICAL"--MEANS ANY--CHEMICAL--FOR--WHICH--THERE--IS--SCIENTIFICALLY--VALID--EVIDENCE THAT--IT--IS--~~

~~{1}--EXCEPT--A--MIXTURE--HAVING--COMPONENTS--WITH--FLASH POINTS--OF--200--DEGREES--FAHRENHEIT,--OR--HIGHER,--THE--TOTAL--VOLUME--OF WHICH--MAKE--UP--99--PERCENT--OR--MORE--OF--THE--TOTAL--VOLUME--OF--THE MIXTURE,--A--COMBUSTIBLE--LIQUID--MEANING--A--LIQUID--WHICH--HAS--A--FLASH POINT--AT--OR--ABOVE--100--DEGREES--FAHRENHEIT,~~

~~{2}--A--COMPRESSED--GAS,--MEANING--~~

~~{1}--A--GAS--OR--A--MIXTURE--OF--GASES--HAVING,--IN--A CONTAINER,--AN--ABSOLUTE--PRESSURE--EXCEEDING--40--PSI--AT--70--DEGREES FAHRENHEIT,~~