

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any event or conditions occurring before ~~the effective date of this Act~~ FEBRUARY 24, 1996, except for:

(1) The case of a person at risk with an elevated blood lead of 25 micrograms per deciliter or more first documented by a test performed on or after ~~[October 1, 1994]~~ FEBRUARY 24, 1996, or with an elevated blood lead of 20 micrograms per deciliter or more first documented by a test performed on or after ~~[October 1, 1999]~~ FEBRUARY 24, 2001, if the elevated blood lead was caused by the ingestion of lead ~~[prior to October, 1994]~~ BEFORE FEBRUARY 24, 1996; [or]

(2) The acceptance of a qualified offer under § 6-835 of the Environment Article, as enacted by this Act, if the alleged injury or loss caused by the ingestion of lead by the person at risk in the affected property occurred before ~~[October 1, 1994]~~ FEBRUARY 24, 1996; OR

(3) THE OBLIGATION OF AN OWNER OF AN AFFECTED PROPERTY TO REGISTER AND PAY AN ANNUAL FEE FOR THE AFFECTED PROPERTY BY DECEMBER 31, 1995 AND THE OBLIGATION OF AN OWNER OF A RENTAL DWELLING UNIT TO PAY AN ANNUAL FEE AS REQUIRED UNDER § 6-843(A)(3) OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE BY DECEMBER 31, 1995.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, this Act shall apply [beginning on January 1, 1995] to insurance policies issued or renewed [between October 1, 1994 and December 31, 1994.] ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 1996.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(b) A lead hazard exclusion contained in a contract of insurance issued or renewed on or after [January 1, 1995] FEBRUARY 24, 1996 shall be waived with respect to an affected property which is covered under the policy, to the extent of a qualified offer made or to be made under Part V of Title 6, Subtitle 8 of the Environment Article, if:

(1) The affected property is in compliance with the provisions of Part III of Title 6, Subtitle 8 of the Environment Article;

(2) Without regard to whether a change in occupancy has occurred, and at the election of the insured, the affected property:

(i) Passes the test for lead-contaminated dust under § 6-816 of the Environment Article; or

(ii) Has undergone the lead hazard reduction treatments and complies with the risk reduction standards under § 6-815(a)(2) of the Environment Article; and