

Safety and Health Administration; requiring the Commissioner to submit a certain notice and make certain recommendations to the General Assembly and certain committees of the General Assembly at a certain time; and generally relating to the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard.

BY adding to

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 5-1001 ~~through 5-1004~~ to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10. Bloodborne Pathogen Standard"

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - Labor and Employment

SUBTITLE 10. BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN STANDARD.

5-1001.

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

~~(B) (1) "BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS" MEANS PATHOGENIC MICROORGANISMS THAT ARE PRESENT IN HUMAN BLOOD AND CAN CAUSE DISEASE IN HUMANS.~~

~~(2) "BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS" INCLUDES:~~

~~(I) HEPATITIS B VIRUS (HBV);~~

~~(II) HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV); AND~~

~~(III) HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV).~~

~~(C) "ENGINEERED SHARPS INJURY PROTECTION" MEANS A PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTE THAT:~~

~~(1) IS BUILT INTO A NEEDLE DEVICE OR NONNEEDLE SHARP; AND~~

~~(2) REDUCES EXPOSURE RISK BY:~~

~~(I) CREATING A BARRIER;~~

~~(II) BLUNTING;~~

~~(III) ENCAPSULATION;~~

~~(IV) WITHDRAWAL;~~

~~(V) RETRACTION;~~

~~(VI) DESTRUCTION; OR~~