

16-502.

(a) (1) [In lieu of the State prosecuting a criminal action under any provision of this title, the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the circuit court against any] A person who violates any provision of this title or any regulation, permit, license, or order issued under this title SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$15,000~~ \$10,000, WHICH MAY BE RECOVERED IN A CIVIL ACTION.

(2) IN IMPOSING A PENALTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER THE FACTORS IN § 9-342(B)(2)(II) OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 445

(House Bill 719)

AN ACT concerning

Department of the Environment - Paint Retailers - Brochures Printed Information on Lead Risk Reduction

FOR the purpose of requiring a retailer to ~~distribute~~ display a certain ~~brochure poster~~ including certain information ~~to a customer who purchases paint or paint supplies in certain areas~~; requiring the Department of the Environment to develop and provide ~~the brochures~~ certain posters to retailers; defining a certain term; ~~requiring the Department to work with certain entities to develop certain brochures and to identify certain sources of revenue for certain purposes~~; and generally relating to the disclosure of information concerning lead poisoning and lead risk reduction.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 1-101(a) and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Environment

Section 6-848.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)