

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

**Article - Environment**

1-101.

- (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (d) "Department" means the Department of the Environment.

6-848.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "RETAILER" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO SELLS PAINT OR PAINT SUPPLIES TO A CONSUMER.

(B) A RETAILER SHALL ~~DISTRIBUTE A BROCHURE TO A CUSTOMER WHO PURCHASES PAINT OR PAINT SUPPLIES THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:~~

- (1) ~~THE DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF LEAD POISONING;~~
- (2) ~~LEAD RISK REDUCTION MEASURES;~~
- (3) ~~SAFE RENOVATION PRACTICES; AND~~
- (4) ~~RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE STATE TO ASSIST HOMEOWNERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN LEAD RISK REDUCTION~~ DISPLAY A POSTER DEVELOPED AND PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) WITHIN AN AREA IN WHICH PAINT OR PAINT SUPPLIES ARE SOLD OR DISPLAYED; OR

(2) AT EACH REGISTER OR CHECK-OUT AISLE.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND PROVIDE ~~THE BROCHURES REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION~~ A POSTER TO RETAILERS THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- (1) THE DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF LEAD POISONING; AND
- (2) A PHONE NUMBER THAT CONSUMERS CAN CALL FOR ASSISTANCE IN LEAD RISK REDUCTION AND SAFE RENOVATION PRACTICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, ~~That the Maryland Department of the Environment shall work with nonprofit organizations, including the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, paint manufacturers, including the National Paint & Coatings Association, and paint retailers, to:~~

~~(a) Develop a consumer brochure on the hazards of lead paint and safe renovation practices for distribution to retailers of paint and paint supplies in the State; and~~

~~(b) Identify potential sources of revenue to develop and distribute the brochure.~~