

WHEREAS, Children are exposed to lead through ingesting and inhaling lead dust, eating lead paint chips, or absorbing lead while in utero; and

WHEREAS, Most of the exposures to lead can be eliminated by removing lead hazards and reducing exposure to toxic lead dust in the home; and

WHEREAS, Although the number of cases of childhood lead poisoning in Maryland has decreased significantly over the past few years, lead paint remains a significant health issue; now, therefore,

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

Article - Business Regulation

8-301.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person must have a contractor license whenever the person acts as a contractor in the State.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person must have a subcontractor license or contractor license whenever the person acts as a subcontractor in the State.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person must have a salesperson license or contractor license whenever the person sells a home improvement in the State.

(d) This section does not apply to:

(1) an individual who works for a contractor or subcontractor for a salary or wages but who is not a salesperson for the contractor;

(2) a clerical employee, retail clerk, or other employee of a licensed contractor who is not a salesperson, as to a transaction on the premises of the licensed contractor;

(3) a solicitor for a contractor who calls an owner by telephone only;

(4) an architect, electrician, plumber, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration contractor, or other person who:

(i) is required by State or local law to meet standards of competency or experience before engaging in an occupation or profession;