

HOUSE BILL 2013

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By: **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee**

Introduced and read first time: January 7, 2026

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **ITO Testing**

3 FOR the purpose of ITO Testing

4 BY adding to

5 Article – Environment

6 Section 6–1702

7 Annotated Code of Maryland

8 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

10 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 **Article – Environment**

12 **6–1702.**

13 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PVC” MEANS A TYPE OF POLYVINYL CHLORIDE OR**
14 **CHLORINATED POLYVINYL CHLORIDE PLASTIC THAT IS USED IN THE**
15 **MANUFACTURING OF WATER PIPING.**

16 **(B) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, A PERSON MAY NOT USE PVC PIPING IN**
17 **THE INSTALLATION, REPAIR, OR REPLACEMENT OF A WATER PIPE OR PLUMBING**
18 **PART INTENDED TO DISPENSE WATER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, INCLUDING IN:**

19 **(1) A WATER MAIN LINE CARRYING WATER TO RESIDENTIAL AND**
20 **COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) A WATER SERVICE LINE CARRYING WATER TO RESIDENTIAL AND**
2 **COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES;**

3 **(3) ANY WATER PIPE REPLACED UNDER THE FEDERAL LEAD PIPE**
4 **REPLACEMENT PROGRAM UNDER 40 C.F.R. § 141.84; AND**

5 **(4) ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION.**

6 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
7 **SECTION.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

9 (a) There is a Water Pipe Safety Workgroup.

10 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

11 (1) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

12 (2) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

13 (3) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee;

14 (4) the Chair of the State Board of Plumbing, or the Chair's designee; and

15 (5) a representative from a union of plumbers or pipefitters, designated by
16 the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO.

17 (c) The Secretary of the Environment shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.

18 (d) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

19 (e) A member of the Workgroup:

20 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

21 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
22 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

23 (f) The Workgroup shall:

24 (1) survey peer-reviewed, published literature on:

25 (i) the short- and long-term potential for chemicals of concern to
26 leach from materials used in the manufacture of pipes into the water carried through the
27 pipes; and

1 (ii) human and environmental health consequences of leached
2 chemicals in water, including the effects of cumulative long-term exposure;

3 (2) if determined to be necessary and subject to the availability of funding,
4 conduct further study on the potential for chemicals of concern to leach from materials used
5 in the manufacture of pipes into the water carried through the pipes;

6 (3) evaluate potential health and safety considerations for workers
7 involved in the installation or replacement of water pipes, with emphasis on the materials
8 used in the water pipes;

9 (4) develop recommendations for best practices concerning the materials
10 intended for use in water pipes; and

11 (5) develop recommendations for materials that may be subject to
12 limitations or restrictions through legislation, regulation, or alterations in the plumbing
13 code for their use in water pipes.

14 (g) (1) On or before December 31, 2024, and on or before December 31, 2025,
15 the Workgroup shall submit a report of its preliminary findings and recommendations to
16 the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the
17 General Assembly.

18 (2) On or before December 31, 2026, the Workgroup shall submit a final
19 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
20 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2027,
23 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
24 of no further force and effect.