



Substitute Senate Bill No. 959

Public Act No. 23-42

AN ACT CONCERNING MOLD IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Public Health shall (1) evaluate information or guidance published by the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding identification of, assessment of, remediation of and limiting of exposure to mold; (2) develop the following: (A) Uniform standards for identifying and assessing mold in residential housing, (B) uniform standards for remediating mold, including, but not limited to, any necessary revisions to the guidelines establishing mold abatement protocols published by the department pursuant to section 19a-111l of the general statutes, and (C) guidelines for limiting exposure to mold in residential housing and uniform standards for assessing the health threat from such exposure, including, but not limited to, its effects on indoor air quality; (3) publish such standards and guidelines on the department's Internet web site; and (4) develop a public awareness campaign concerning mold in residential housing, including, but not limited to, public service announcements on the department's Internet web site and social media accounts regarding (A) mold prevention and identification in the home, and (B) the health risks associated with exposure to mold in the home.

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Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working group to evaluate the connection between polybutylene pipes and indoor mold in residential and commercial buildings, including, but not limited to, whether such pipes are a contributing factor to mold growth, the impact of mold on the health of the residents and potential solutions such as early intervention options to prevent mold growth in buildings containing such pipes and abatement of mold found in such buildings.

(b) The working group shall consist of the following members, each of whom shall have experience related to mold growth, prevention or abatement or the impact of mold on public health:

(1) Three appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health;

(2) Three appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health;

(3) Three appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health; and

(4) Three appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health.

(c) All appointments shall be made not later than August 1, 2023. The working group shall select a chairperson from among its members. The chairperson shall convene the first meeting of the working group not later than September 1, 2023.

(d) Not later than January 1, 2024, the chairperson of the working group shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of

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the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health regarding the findings of the working group and any recommendations for legislative changes.

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