



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Henry

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning **Informational Hearing - Mold in Housing**

For the purpose of inviting the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Health Commissioner, and the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health or his designee to appear before the City Council to discuss the potential dangers of mold in housing.

Recitals

Mold is a health danger to many vulnerable populations. It grows where there is moisture; walls, ceilings, carpets, tile, or furniture can all be good environments for mold. Mold allergies manifest themselves through watery eyes, nasal stuffiness, throat irritation, coughing, headaches, and difficulty breathing. People that are immune compromised or have chronic lung illness can get serious lung infections from mold exposure. The Institute of Medicine has found sufficient evidence to link indoor exposure to mold to upper respiratory tract symptoms, coughs, and wheezing in otherwise healthy people, and to asthma symptoms in people with asthma. Many children in Baltimore suffer from asthma, and their health is particularly at risk if they are exposed to mold in their homes. The Baltimore City Council is interested in learning about mold in housing and how we can protect our citizens from its dangers.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the City Council invites the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Health Commissioner, and the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health or his designee to appear before the City Council to discuss the potential dangers of mold in housing.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Health Commissioner, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.