National Environmental Health Association

Indoor Air Quality

State legislatures introduced 190 bills related to Indoor Air Quality, enacting 15 in California, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Maine, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Utah and Washington.

California SB 655 Chap. No. 522 - Dwelling Units: Indoor Temperature

Requires the department to propose the adoption, amendment, or repeal of building standards to the commission and to adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations for the protection of the health, safety, and general welfare of the occupant and the public relating to specified residential structures, which apply throughout the state. Declares it to be the established policy of the state that all dwelling units are required to be able to attain and maintain a safe maximum indoor temperature.

Officially establishes that extreme indoor heat is a major public health hazard and sets a framework for safe maximum indoor temperatures.

Requires relevant state agencies to integrate this safe maximum indoor temperature policy into their housing programs, grant criteria, and future regulations.
Focuses protection on renters, low-income households, and vulnerable communities who face the highest risk during severe heat waves.

Delaware HB 70, Chap. No. 98 Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction

Provides that a small property owner must obtain certification from a lead inspector that each of the owners rental units constructed before the specified date is lead free or lead safe; provides that the certificate must be obtained and filed with the Department of Health and Social Services prior to the commencement of a rental agreement with a new tenant; provides for large property owners; prohibits discrimination; establishes the Lead Based Paint Remediation Certification Committee.

Illinois House Resolution 447 (2025) - Fuel Gas Detector and Alarm Act

Urges the swift passage of House Bill 3652 , creating the Fuel Gas Detector and Alarm Act, as a model of community protection, leadership-driven advocacy, and bipartisan cooperation in safeguarding public health and safety.

Louisiana HB 1027, Act No. 187 – Real Estate and Appraisers

Relates to real estate appraiser liability in certain circumstances; relates to smoke and carbon dioxide detectors in one- or two-family dwellings; provides for licensed real estate appraiser liability.

Louisiana SB 274, Act No. 893 Environmental Quality

This bill amends existing law related to environmental quality and lead hazard detection at certain early learning and elementary school facilities. It modifies the scope of facilities subject to lead risk assessment requirements and updates the procedures for conducting, reporting, and acting upon those assessments. The bill also clarifies the roles of the department, the Louisiana Department of Health, and the state Department of Education in administering these requirements.

Maryland HB 252, Chap. No. 359 Lead Paint Abatement Requirement

This bill authorizes the Department of the Environment to include performance bond and liability insurance requirements in regulations for persons accredited to provide lead paint abatement services. The bill addresses lead paint abatement services including risk assessment, inspection, and abatement of lead-containing substances in residential, public, and commercial buildings. The legislation modifies existing regulatory authority under Maryland's Environmental Article.

Maryland SB 624 Chap. No. 10 – Short-Term Rentals

This bill, known as the Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Safety Act, establishes comprehensive safety requirements for short-term rental units offered for less than 30 consecutive days. The bill requires hosts to provide safety equipment including fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, and carbon monoxide alarms, and mandates posting of evacuation diagrams and emergency contact information. It also requires counties and Baltimore City to conduct annual inspections and establishes reporting requirements to the State Fire Marshal.

Maine HB 1288, Public Law No. 515 Housing Quality

Adds mold to the implied warranty and covenant of habitability; provides that when a landlord offers for rent a dwelling unit and that landlord knows or should know that the dwelling unit has mold, bacteria or other biological organisms that are injurious to the health of occupants, then it is a breach of the implied warranty and covenant of habitability.

New Jersey SB 3368 Chap. No 2024-74 – Residential Lead Based Paint Hazards

Provides that in a municipality that maintains a permanent local agency for conducting building inspections, the agency shall inspect each rental dwelling unit and the common

area within each building that contains a rental dwelling unit, and that is located within the municipality for lead-based paint hazards; provides that certain fees shall be deposited into the Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund; provides that each municipality shall deliver to the Department of Community Affairs a specified list.

Rhode Island HB 7191, Public Law No. 2026-48 – Lead Poisoning Prevention

This bill amends the Rhode Island Lead Poisoning Prevention Act to modify requirements for blood lead screening of children under six years of age. The amendments address where blood samples may be sent for laboratory analysis, laboratory certification requirements, and cost obligations for laboratories performing blood lead analyses.

Rhode Island HB 7926, SB 2885, P.L. No. 044 & 045 – Health and Safety Asbestos Abatement

This bill amends Rhode Island law governing asbestos abatement and radon control. It updates definitions, licensure and certification requirements, training standards, and administrative procedures applicable to asbestos abatement contractors, competent persons, and radon mitigation contractors. It also removes references to an outdated New Jersey Asbestos Policy Commission report and modernizes certain notification and publication requirements.

Rhode Island SB 2870, Public Law No. 2026-049 – Lead Poisoning Prevention Act

This bill amends Rhode Island's Lead Poisoning Prevention Act, addressing blood lead screening requirements for children under six years of age and the laboratory analysis of blood lead samples. Changes are made to provisions governing where samples may be sent for analysis and the certification and obligations of laboratories performing blood lead analyses.

Utah HB 582 Chap. No. 398 – Asbestos Amendments

This bill addresses provisions related to asbestos testing requirements for residential properties. The bill proposes to modify asbestos testing requirements for residential properties with four or fewer units and makes technical and conforming changes to existing law.

Washington SB 5492, Chap. No. 180 – Communities from Lead-Based Paint

Relates to lead-based paint program capacity improvements.