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PROTECTIVE CLOTHING MADE FROM ASBESTOS

Today the Maryland Commissioner of Labor and Industry, Dominic N. Fornaro, reminds employers of a new law regarding the use of protective clothing made from asbestos.

The 1984 Maryland General Assembly mandated that effective July 1, 1984, employers "may not purchase any item of new or used asbestos protective clothing for use by an employee" and that "an employer may not require or request any employee to use any item of new or used asbestos protective clothing that was purchased after July 1, 1984".

The law also prohibits the sale in Maryland of any item of new or used asbestos protective clothing. After July 1, 1985, the law prohibits the use or possession of any new or used asbestos protective clothing in any place of employment.

During the period between July 1, 1984 and July 1, 1985, if an employee uses asbestos protective clothing, the employer must inform the employee of the associated health hazards, as well as maintain records and provide respiratory protection under certain circumstances.

For copies of the law or additional information, call the Training and Education Office, Maryland Occupational Safety and Health at 659-4164 or in Maryland toll free 1-800-492-6226.

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