



## **LEGAL ALERT: Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act – Effective July 1, 2013**

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In 2008, the Maryland General Assembly passed the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act, which has been codified under the Home Improvement Title of the Business Regulation Article.

This law, effective July 1, 2013, requires that any person, company or firm that provides mold remediation services on residential property first obtain a special license prior to providing such services. Mold remediation services include the removal, cleaning, sanitizing, demolition, or other treatment of mold or mold contaminated matter, live or dead, that was not intended to be grown at that location.

Additionally, the law requires the employees who provide such mold remedial services on behalf of their company or firm shall be certified by an accreditation body as a "microbial remediation technician or supervisor" whichever applicable to the employees position.

Companies and individuals with contractor and subcontractor licenses issued by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission are not exempt due to the fact they currently hold a contractor or subcontractor license. If the company or individual performs contractor or subcontractor services in furtherance of a mold remediation undertaking, they too must comply with the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act.

Mold remediation services companies, contractors and subcontractors alike should not delay in becoming compliant with the new Maryland law, as non-compliance could lead to civil and in some cases, criminal penalties. Shumaker Williams, P.C. welcomes calls from current and prospective clients to confidentially discuss this new

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