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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MOLD PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
TO RECOMMEND PROTECTIONS FOR RESIDENTS OF RESIDENTIAL  
PROPERTY FROM MOLD INFESTATION.***

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

- 1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established,  
2       within the Department of Public Health, a Mold Protection Advisory  
3       Council. The advisory council shall advise the department on matters  
4       relating to mold infestation in residential housing and make  
5       recommendations to the department regarding the following: (1)  
6       Uniform standards for identifying and assessing mold in residential  
7       housing; (2) guidelines for limiting exposure to mold in residential  
8       housing and standards for assessing the health threat from such  
9       exposure; (3) uniform standards for remediating mold; (4)  
10      circumstances under which penalties should be imposed on a property  
11      owner when mold is found in a residence on the property; (5) types of  
12      mold remediation that warrant a credit against the tax due under  
13      chapter 228z of the general statutes for the costs of such remediation  
14      incurred by owners of residential property; (6) rights of a tenant and  
15      actions a tenant may take when mold is found in the residence leased

16 by the tenant; and (7) situations that warrant a tenant being permitted  
17 to deposit rent into an escrow account when the property owner fails to  
18 remediate mold found in a residence on the property leased by the  
19 tenant.

20 (b) The advisory council shall consist of the following members, who  
21 shall be appointed not later than January 1, 2024: (1) One appointed by  
22 the speaker of the House of Representatives; (2) one appointed by the  
23 president pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one appointed by the majority  
24 leader of the House of Representatives; (4) one appointed by the  
25 majority leader of the Senate; (5) one appointed by the minority leader  
26 of the House of Representatives; and (6) one appointed by the minority  
27 leader of the Senate. Each member shall serve a term of three years and,  
28 except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any vacancy shall be  
29 filled by the appointing authority. Members shall receive no  
30 compensation except for reimbursement for necessary expenses  
31 incurred in performing their duties. The speaker of the House of  
32 Representatives and the minority leader of the Senate shall each  
33 appoint, from among the members of the advisory council, a  
34 cochairperson, who shall jointly schedule the first meeting of the  
35 advisory council on or before February 1, 2024. The Department of  
36 Public Health shall assist the advisory council in its work and provide  
37 any information or data that the advisory committee deems necessary  
38 to fulfil its duties, unless the disclosure of such information or data is  
39 prohibited by state or federal law. The advisory council shall meet  
40 biannually and at other times upon the call of the cochairpersons, upon  
41 the request of the Commissioner of Public Health or upon the request of  
42 a majority of the advisory council members.

43 (c) Any appointment to the advisory council that is vacant for one  
44 year or more shall be made by the Commissioner of Public Health. The  
45 commissioner shall notify the appointing authority of the identity of the  
46 commissioner's choice for appointment not later than thirty days before  
47 making such appointment.

48 (d) Not later than January 1, 2024, and biennially thereafter, the

49 advisory council shall submit a report, in accordance with the  
50 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Commissioner  
51 of Public Health and the joint standing committees of the General  
52 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and  
53 housing on its findings and recommendations, including, but not  
54 limited to, whether any legislation is necessary to implement its  
55 recommendations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish protections for residents of residential property from mold infestation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*