

HOUSE BILL 1052

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By: **Delegates Holmes and Stein**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Natural Gas and Liquefied Propane Piping Systems –**
3 **Construction Requirements**
4 **(Flynn and Laird Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ prohibiting the use of certain materials ~~to be used~~ in the
6 construction of fuel gas piping systems in ~~residential and commercial~~ certain
7 buildings; and generally relating to fuel gas piping systems.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 12–206

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 **12–206.**

17 **(A) ~~(1)~~ ~~IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~**
18 **~~INDICATED.~~**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~(2) "BLACK IRON PIPE" MEANS PIPE THAT IS MADE OF~~
2 ~~NONGALVANIZED STEEL WITH A DARK IRON OXIDE COATING ON THE SURFACE.~~

3 ~~(3) "CSST" MEANS ARC RESISTANT JACKETED CORRUGATED~~
4 ~~STAINLESS STEEL TUBING.~~

5 ~~(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS~~
6 ~~ANY BUILDING THAT USE USES FUEL GAS PIPING SYSTEMS NOT SUBJECT TO TITLE~~
7 ~~49, PART 192 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.~~

8 ~~(C) ONLY BLACK IRON PIPE OR CSST MAY BE USED IN THE NEW~~
9 ~~CONSTRUCTION OF A GAS PIPING SYSTEM IN A RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL~~
10 ~~BUILDING.~~

11 ~~(D) IF A GAS APPLIANCE WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL~~
12 ~~BUILDING IS REPLACED, THE GAS LINE TO THE APPLIANCE MAY BE REPLACED ONLY~~
13 ~~WITH BLACK IRON PIPE OR CSST.~~

14 **(B) NON-ARC-RESISTANT JACKETED CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL**
15 **TUBING MAY NOT BE USED IN:**

16 **(1) THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A CUSTOMER-OWNED NATURAL GAS**
17 **OR LIQUEFIED PROPANE PIPING SYSTEM IN A BUILDING;**

18 **(2) A NATURAL GAS OR LIQUEFIED PROPANE PIPING SYSTEM IN A**
19 **RENOVATED PROPERTY IF THE RENOVATION AFFECTS MORE THAN 50% OF THE**
20 **TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE PROPERTY; OR**

21 **(3) A NATURAL GAS OR LIQUEFIED PROPANE PIPING SYSTEM THAT**
22 **REQUIRES THE ADDITION OF A NEW GAS LINE TO THE GAS PIPING SYSTEM.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
24 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
25 application to any new construction for which a building permit is issued before the effective
26 date of this Act.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2022.