

Chapter 140

(House Bill 1052)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 12–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

12–206.

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

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

~~(3) “CSST” MEANS ARC RESISTANT JACKETED CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 21, 2022.