

## Virginia Reverses Law that requires License for Mold Inspection and Remediation

(VANCOUVER, Wash.) May 23, 2012 – [The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification \(IICRC\)](#) continues to closely follow state legislation and licensing in the mold remediation industry, including the latest change in the state of Virginia.

On April 18, a law was enacted in Virginia to repeal the licensing requirement for companies providing mold inspection and remediation services in the state. After July 1, the day the repeal goes into effect, registrants will no longer be required to have a state license in order to perform these services. This reversal becomes law exactly one year after Virginia originally issued a law (*code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended, in Title 54.1, Chapter 5) requiring that all mold inspectors and remediators obtain a Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, Mold, and Home Inspectors' mold remediator worker, mold remediator supervisor or mold inspector license to legally operate in the state.

The IICRC's Applied Microbial Remediation Technician (AMRT) certification was substantially equivalent to the Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, Mold, and Home Inspectors' mold remediator worker license.

"We see this type of law reversal as a trend in mold inspector and remediation in which states are moving away from requiring licensing and moving towards recommending specific and appropriate certifications instead," said Joe Hughes, IICRC government affairs chairman. "As we continue to monitor these ongoing legislative issues, we are diligently working to be ahead of other pending legislation by seeking ANSI accreditation for our certifications and being in communication with government officials."

If you'd like to help the IICRC's government affairs committee and get involved at a local, state or national level, please contact IICRC headquarters at [info@iicrc.org](mailto:info@iicrc.org).

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