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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Williams, Silva, Slater, and Hearn

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-24.6-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-24.6 entitled "Lead  
2 Poisoning Prevention Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-24.6-5. Environmental lead program.** -- (a) There is established within the  
4 department of health an environmental lead program which shall be responsible for creating a  
5 coordinated and comprehensive program for lead poisoning prevention, including screening and  
6 detection, education, lead hazard reduction, and enforcement. The program shall exercise any and  
7 all authorities of the department which may be necessary and appropriate, including but not  
8 limited to promulgating and enforcing regulations, which regulations shall set forth a general  
9 framework for actions to be taken in response to childhood lead poisoning at different blood lead  
10 levels.

11 (b) The department shall develop an educational program regarding environmental lead  
12 exposures and lead poisoning.

13 (c) The department shall promulgate regulations for acceptable environmental lead levels  
14 in dwellings, where a child under the age of six (6) years with environmental intervention blood  
15 lead level or greater resides, and in buildings or properties frequently used by children under the  
16 age of six (6) years, including standards for lead on painted surfaces and surface coatings,  
17 drinking water, household dusts, and soil.

18 (d) The environmental lead program shall be federally funded. However, to the extent  
19 federal funds are not available or insufficient to fund the environmental lead program, the state of

1 Rhode Island shall appropriate no less than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) per fiscal  
2 year to the department of health for the support and maintenance of the environmental lead  
3 program.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would provide that in the event of insufficient federal funds for the  
2 environmental lead program, the state of Rhode Island shall appropriate no less than six hundred  
3 thousand dollars (\$600,000) for support and maintenance of the environmental lead program.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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