

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6273

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Health & Long-Term Care, January 31, 2000

Title: An act relating to lead-based paint activities.

Brief Description: Creating a program to identify and address lead-based paint hazards.

Sponsors: Senators Franklin, Fraser, Winsley, Thibaudeau, Patterson, Costa, Fairley, Brown, Wojahn and Kline.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long-Term Care: 1/27/2000, 1/31/2000 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6273 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Thibaudeau, Chair; Wojahn, Vice Chair; Costa, Deccio, Franklin, Johnson and Winsley.

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Background: In 1992 Congress passed the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act, also known as Title X. Under Title X, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal agencies developed a national program to prevent and reduce lead-based paint exposures and hazards. The four key elements of the EPA program are:

- (1) training and certification requirements to ensure the proficiency of contractors who conduct lead-based paint inspection, risk assessment and abatement services in residences and day care centers;
- (2) accreditation requirements to ensure that training programs provide quality instruction in current and effective work practices;
- (3) work practice standards to ensure that lead-based paint activities are conducted safely, reliably and effectively; and
- (4) procedures for the states and tribes to apply to the EPA for authorization to administer these key elements.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The Department of Health is directed to establish an education program on lead poisoning using federal funds.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The original bill was not considered.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 13, 2000.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: This type of education will continue the work the department is already doing to identify areas where lead is a problem in the state.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Bill Robertson (pro); Bill White, DOH (pro substitute); Dan Sexton, Plumbers and Pipefitters (pro w/concerns); Rick Slunaker, Associated General Contractors (pro/amd).