

HOUSE No. 2068

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Sánchez

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to lead abatement.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i> | <i>15th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Denise Andrews</i> | <i>2nd Franklin</i> |
| <i>Carlo Basile</i> | <i>1st Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Martin J. Walsh</i> | <i>13th Suffolk</i> |

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By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2068) of Jeffrey Sánchez and others relative to the impact of lead exposure on children. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to lead abatement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 191 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence in the first paragraph and
- 3 inserting in place thereof the following:-
- 4 The term “lead poisoning” shall be defined as a disease present in a child when the child has a
- 5 concentration of lead in whole venous blood of 10 micrograms per deciliter. The director shall by
- 6 regulation with the advice of the advisory committee and in accordance with sound medical
- 7 practice define the term “previously reported”.
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- 9 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of section 197C of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing
- 10 in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended further by striking out, in the first sentence, the
- 11 words “in excess of the level considered dangerous to the child’s immediate health as determined
- 12 by the department” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
- 13 commensurate with lead poisoning as defined by this chapter
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- 15 SECTION 3. Subsection (b) of section 197C of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so
- 16 appearing, is hereby amended further by striking out, in the first sentence, the words “in excess
- 17 of the level considered dangerous to the child’s immediate health as determined by the
- 18 department” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
- 19 commensurate with lead poisoning as defined by this chapter
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- 21 SECTION 4. Subsection (a) of section 199 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 22 the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended further by striking out, in the first sentence, the
- 23 words “at which the department defines lead poisoning” and inserting in place thereof the

24 following words:-

25 for lead poisoning, which is defined in section 191 of chapter 111.

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27 SECTION 5. Subsection (e) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in
28 the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in the first sentence, the words “one
29 thousand five hundred dollars” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - three
30 thousand dollars

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32 SECTION 6. Subsection (e) of section 6 of said chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so
33 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in the second sentence, the words “five hundred
34 dollars” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - one thousand dollars

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36 SECTION 7. Section 5 of chapter 151B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official
37 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in clause (a) of the last paragraph, the dollar amount
38 “\$10,000” and inserting in place thereof the following dollar amount: - \$20,000

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40 SECTION 8. Section 5 of said chapter 151B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
41 amended by striking out, in clause (b) of the last paragraph, the dollar amount “\$25,000” and
42 inserting in place thereof the following dollar amount: - \$35,000

43 SECTION 9. Section 5 of said chapter 151B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
44 amended by striking out, in clause (c) of the last paragraph, the dollar amount “\$50,000” and
45 inserting in place thereof the following dollar amount: - \$60,000

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