

HOUSE No. 4258

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

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. Subsection (e) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in the first sentence, the words
3 “one thousand five hundred dollars” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - three
4 thousand dollars

5 SECTION 2. Subsection (e) of section 6 of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is hereby
6 amended by striking out, in the second sentence, the words “five hundred dollars” and inserting
7 in place thereof the following words: - one thousand dollars

8 SECTION 3. Section 191 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
9 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the last sentence in the first paragraph the
10 following sentences:-

11 This section shall not limit the right of any local board of health to establish and enforce
12 lead poisoning standards more strict than those set forth in the general laws or the provisions of
13 the state sanitary code, provided however that a local board of health may not establish standards
14 that are more permissive than state requirements.

15 SECTION 4. Section 5 of chapter 151B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
16 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in clause (a) of the last paragraph, the dollar
17 amount “\$10,000” and inserting in place thereof the following dollar amount: - \$20,000

18 SECTION 5. Section 5 of said chapter 151B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
19 hereby further amended by striking out, in clause (b) of the last paragraph, the dollar amount
20 “\$25,000” and inserting in place thereof the following dollar amount: - \$35,000

21 SECTION 6. Section 5 of said chapter 151B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
22 hereby further amended by striking out, in clause (c) of the last paragraph, the dollar amount
23 “\$50,000” and inserting in place thereof the following dollar amount: - \$60,000

24 SECTION 7. The department of public health shall file a report with the house and senate
25 committees on ways and means, the joint committee on public health and the joint committee on
26 health care financing on the status of childhood lead poisoning in the commonwealth, including
27 but not limited to a review of: 1) existing lead poisoning regulations and recommendations on
28 possible regulatory amendments; 2) current medical practice and federal guidelines on childhood
29 lead poisoning; 3) recommendations of policies for children at risk of lead exposure; 4) costs of
30 providing services and enforcement at both the state and local level; and 5) the potential for state
31 and local incentive grants so that local boards of health could enforce a lower lead poisoning
32 level.