

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4258**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**  
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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.