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HOUSE BILL 506

Short Title: Lead Poisoning/Children.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Esposito, Colton; Bowman, Gardner, Judy Hunt, H. Hunter, and Luebke..

Referred to: Environment.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION OF
3 LEAD POISONING IN CHILDREN.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 130A-131.5 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 130A-131.5. Commission to adopt rules.**

7 (a) For the protection of the public health, the Commission shall adopt rules for
8 the prevention and control of lead poisoning in children. The rules shall include
9 provisions for:

- 10 (1) Reporting by laboratories of elevated blood lead levels in children less
11 than six years of age; the rules shall specify the public health agency to
12 which reports shall be made, and shall establish when a blood lead
13 level is considered to be elevated. The rules shall further provide the
14 specific information to be included in the reports, the time limits for
15 reporting, and the form in which reports shall be submitted;
- 16 (2) Investigation by the Department to determine the source of elevated
17 blood lead levels;
- 18 (3) Identification of lead poisoning hazards;
- 19 (4) Examination and testing of children less than six years of age who are
20 reasonably suspected of having elevated blood lead levels; and
- 21 (5) Abatement of lead poisoning hazards in dwellings, schools and day
22 care facilities ~~in which children less than six years of age live or attend~~
23 ~~school or day care.~~ determined by the Department to be a potential

1 source of an elevated blood lead level in a child less than six years of
2 age.

3 (b) Abatement orders issued by the Department pursuant to this section shall
4 require elimination of the lead poisoning hazard. Removal of children from the
5 dwelling, school, or day care facility shall not constitute abatement."

6 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.