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Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, the real property law, the tax law, the state finance law, the social services law, the insurance law, the multiple dwelling law and the multiple residence law, in relation to enacting the "childhood lead poisoning prevention and safe housing act of 2018"; and to repeal certain provisions of the public health law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "childhood
2 lead poisoning prevention and safe housing act of 2018".

3 § 2. Legislative findings and purposes. 1. (a) Lead poisoning of
4 children persists as one of the most prevalent and preventable environ-
5 mental diseases in New York. At least 10,000 children were newly iden-
6 tified with levels of lead in their blood at 10 micrograms per deciliter
7 (ug/dl) in New York state in 2001. Moreover, only about one-third of
8 children are receiving the lead screenings that are required by law and
9 therefore, the actual number of children affected by the ingestion of
10 lead is undoubtedly significantly greater than reported. Prevention is
11 the only effective way to protect children from irreversible damage.
12 Unless lead poisoning is prevented, elevated blood lead levels will
13 result in impairment of the ability to think, concentrate, and learn.

14 (b) Medical research indicates that children can suffer permanent,
15 irreparable damage at blood levels even lower than 10 ug/dl, and that
16 there is no level of lead ingestion which is without adverse impact.
17 Medical research also indicates that fetal injuries from lead paint can
18 occur if women have elevated blood levels during pregnancy. Because of
19 this, intervention measures that wait until children have been exposed
20 have limited benefits, and the pursuit of primary prevention, which
21 means eliminating lead hazards before children are exposed, has been
22 recommended by the United States centers for disease control and
23 prevention and promoted by leading experts in the field as a critical
24 course of action to protect the health of young children.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (c) The predominant cause of lead poisoning in children is the inges-
2 tion of lead particles from deteriorating or abraded lead-based paint
3 from older and poorly maintained residences.

4 (d) Deteriorating lead-based paint or excessive amounts of lead-conta-
5 minated dust in these poorly maintained homes endangers the intellectual
6 and emotional development and physical well being of affected children.
7 In addition, unsafe work practices that inadequately control lead dust
8 in the repair or renovation of older homes can cause substantial lead
9 hazards.

10 (e) Although New York state banned the sale of lead paint in 1970,
11 (l.1970, ch. 338) seventy-four percent of New York's housing stock was
12 constructed prior to 1970. At least ninety percent of lead-based paint
13 still remaining in occupied housing exists in units built before 1960.
14 New York state has both the largest percentage and the largest absolute
15 number of older housing units with lead paint in the nation.

16 (f) The dangers posed by lead-based paint can be substantially
17 reduced, although not eliminated, by taking measures to prevent paint
18 deterioration and limiting children's exposure to paint chips and lead
19 dust.

20 (g) The deterioration of lead-based paint in older residences results
21 in increased expenses each year for the state of New York in the form of
22 special education and other education expenses, medical care for lead-
23 poisoned children, and expenditures for delinquent youth and others
24 needing special supervision.

25 (h) Older housing units remain an important part of New York's housing
26 stock, particularly for those of modest or limited incomes. The problem
27 of lead-based paint in housing affects urban, suburban and rural areas
28 of the state.

29 (i) The existing housing codes and enforcement systems in most juris-
30 dictions do not include primary prevention measures for lead hazards and
31 have proven ineffective in encouraging widespread lead-based paint
32 hazard abatement, mitigation, and control.

33 (j) The financial incentives currently in place have not proven suffi-
34 cient to motivate landlords and other property owners to undertake wide-
35 spread and effective lead-based paint hazard abatement, mitigation, and
36 control; moreover low and moderate income property owners may not have
37 access to the resources to eliminate or reduce substantially lead
38 hazards.

39 (k) Insurance companies are reluctant to provide coverage to property
40 owners in the absence of evidence that lead hazards have been appropri-
41 ately addressed.

42 (l) Knowledge of lead-based paint hazards, their control, mitigation,
43 abatement, and risk avoidance is not sufficiently widespread, especially
44 outside urban areas.

45 2. The purposes of this act are: (a) to increase the supply of afford-
46 able rental housing in the state of New York in which measures have been
47 taken to eliminate or substantially reduce the risk of childhood lead
48 poisoning;

49 (b) to ensure that New York's response to lead-based paint hazards
50 focuses on primary prevention as the essential tool to combat childhood
51 lead poisoning, and thus to substantially reduce, and eventually elimi-
52 nate, the incidence of childhood lead poisoning in the state of New
53 York;

54 (c) to establish and make enforcement of lead hazard control standards
55 in the state of New York more certain and more effective;

(d) to improve public awareness of lead safety issues and to educate both property owners and tenants about practices that can reduce the incidence of lead poisoning;

(e) to provide access to the resources for property owners and landlords who commit to undertake specified lead hazard reduction measures; and

(f) to facilitate the availability and affordability of liability insurance protection to those landlords and other owners who undertake specified lead hazard reduction measures.

§ 3. Section 1370 of the public health law is REPEALED and a new section 1370 is added to read as follows:

§ 1370. Definitions. 1. "Abatement" means any set of measures designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards. Abatement includes the removal of lead-based paint, the permanent enclosure or encapsulation of lead-based paint, the replacement of components or fixtures painted with lead-based paint, and the removal or permanent covering of soil-based hazards.

2. "Affected property" means a room or group of rooms within a property constructed before nineteen hundred seventy that form a single independent habitable dwelling unit for occupation by one or more individuals that has living facilities with permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation. "Affected property" does not include:

(a) an area not used for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, or sanitation, such as an unfinished basement, that is not readily accessible to children under seven years of age;

(b) a unit within a hotel, motel, or similar seasonal or transient facility unless such unit is occupied by one or more persons at risk for a period exceeding thirty days;

(c) an area which is secured and inaccessible to occupants;

(d) a unit which is not offered for rent or incident to employment;

(e) housing for the elderly, or a residential property designated exclusively for persons with disabilities; except this exemption shall not apply if a person at risk resides or is expected to reside in the dwelling unit or visits the dwelling unit on a regular basis;

(f) an unoccupied dwelling unit or residential property that is to be demolished, provided the dwelling unit or property will remain unoccupied until demolition; or

(g) in cities of more than one million population, a multiple dwelling, as defined in section four of the multiple dwelling law.

"Affected property" also excludes any property owned or operated by a unit of federal, state, or local government, or any public, quasi-public, or municipal corporation, if the property is subject to lead standards that are equal to, or more stringent than, the requirements for lead-stabilized status under subdivision three of section thirteen hundred seventy-six of this title, but does include privately-owned properties that receive governmental rental assistance.

3. "Area of high risk" means an area designated as such by the commissioner or his or her representative and consisting of one or more dwellings in which a condition conducive to lead poisoning of children is present or, additionally, any census tract or block group within the state where, during any single year, more than twenty-five children have been identified with elevated blood lead levels.

4. "Change in occupancy" means a change of tenant in an affected property in which the property is vacated and possession is either surrendered to the owner or abandoned.

1 5. "Chewable surface" shall mean a protruding interior windowsill in
2 a dwelling unit in an affected property that is readily accessible to a
3 child under age seven. "Chewable surface" shall also mean any other type
4 of interior edge or protrusion in a dwelling unit in an affected proper-
5 ty, such as a rail or stair, where there is evidence that such other
6 edge or protrusion has been chewed or where an occupant has notified the
7 owner that a child under age seven residing in that affected property
8 has mouthed or chewed such edge or protrusion.

9 6. "Communities of concern" means those thirty municipalities in the
10 state that have the greatest numbers of children identified with
11 elevated blood lead levels in the prior calendar year within the meaning
12 of subdivision fourteen of this section.

13 7. "Condition conducive to lead poisoning" means: (a) a lead-based
14 paint hazard; and/or (b) other environmental conditions which may result
15 in significant lead exposure, including soil-lead hazards.

16 8. "Containment" means the physical measures taken to ensure that dust
17 and debris created or released during lead-based paint hazard reduction
18 are not spread, blown, or tracked from inside to outside of the work-
19 site.

20 9. "Council" means the advisory council on lead poisoning prevention
21 established pursuant to section thirteen hundred seventy-b of this
22 title.

23 10. "Deteriorated paint" means any interior or exterior paint or
24 other coating that is curling, scaling, flaking, blistering, peeling,
25 chipping, chalking, cracking, or loose in any manner, such that a space
26 or pocket of air is behind a portion thereof or such that the paint is
27 not completely adhered to the underlying subsurface, or is otherwise
28 damaged or separated from the substrate.

29 11. "Deteriorated subsurface" shall mean an unstable or unsound paint-
30 ed subsurface, an indication of which can be observed through a visual
31 inspection, including, but not limited to, rotted or decayed wood, or
32 wood or plaster that has been subject to moisture or disturbance.

33 12. "Dwelling" means a building or structure or portion thereof,
34 including the property occupied by and appurtenant to such dwelling,
35 which is occupied in whole or in part as the home, residence or sleeping
36 place of one or more human beings and shall, without limiting the fore-
37 going, include child care facilities for children under seven years of
38 age, kindergartens and nursery schools.

39 13. "Dwelling unit" means a:

40 (a) single-family dwelling, including attached structures such as
41 porches and stoops; or

42 (b) housing unit in a structure that contains more than one separate
43 housing unit, and in which each such unit is used or occupied, or
44 intended to be used or occupied, in whole or in part, as the home or
45 separate living quarters of one or more persons.

46 14. "Elevated blood lead level" means a quantity of lead in whole
47 venous blood, expressed in micrograms per deciliter (ug/dl), of 10 ug/dl
48 or greater, or such other more stringent level as may be specifically
49 provided in this title or adopted in regulation by the department pursu-
50 ant to rule or regulation.

51 15. "Encapsulation" means the application of a covering or coating
52 that acts as a barrier between the lead-based paint and the environment
53 and that relies for its durability on adhesion between the encapsulant
54 and the painted surface, and on the integrity of the existing bonds
55 between paint layers and between the paint and the substrate. Encapsula-

tion may be used as a method of abatement if it is designed and performed so as to be permanent.

16. "Exterior surfaces" means:

(a) all fences and porches that are part of a dwelling that is or contains an affected property;

(b) all outside surfaces of a dwelling that is or contains an affected property that are accessible to a child under the age of seven and that:

(1) are attached to the outside of such dwelling; or

(2) consist of other buildings that are appurtenant to such dwelling, such as a garage or shed; and

(c) all painted surfaces in stairways, hallways, entrance areas, recreation areas, laundry areas, and garages within a multifamily dwelling that are common to individual dwelling units, one or more of which constitutes an affected property, and are accessible to a child under the age of seven.

17. "Friction surface" means an interior or exterior painted surface that touches or is in contact with another surface, such that the two surfaces are capable of relative motion and abrade, scrape, or bind when in relative motion. Friction surfaces shall include, but not be limited to, window frames and jambs, doors, and hinges.

18. "g" means gram, "mg" means milligram (thousandth of a gram), and "ug" means microgram (millionth of a gram).

19. "Hazard reduction" means measures designed to reduce or eliminate human exposure to lead-based hazards.

20. "Health care provider" means any health care practitioner authorized to order a blood lead test and any facility licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of this chapter.

21. "High efficiency particle air vacuum" or "hepa-vacuum" means a device capable of filtering out particles of 0.3 microns or greater from a body of air at an efficiency of 99.97% or greater; "hepa-vacuum" includes use of a hepa-vacuum.

22. "Impact surface" means an interior or exterior painted surface that shows evidence, such as marking, denting, or chipping, that it is subject to damage by repeated sudden force, such as certain parts of door frames, moldings, or baseboards.

23. "Inspection" means a comprehensive survey by a properly accredited person to determine the presence of lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards and the provision of a report explaining the results of the inspection.

24. "Interior windowsill" means a portion of the horizontal window ledge that is protruding into the interior of a room.

25. "Investigation" means an examination conducted by the owner of an affected property, the owner's agent or employee, or someone retained by the owner, in accordance with the requirements established by the deputy commissioner, to determine whether the affected property meets the standards of lead-stabilized status as defined in subdivision three of section thirteen hundred seventy-six of this title.

26. "Lead-based paint" means paint or other similar surface coating material containing 1.0 milligrams of lead per square centimeter or greater, as determined by laboratory analysis, or by an x-ray fluorescence analyzer. If an x-ray fluorescence analyzer is used, readings shall be corrected for substrate bias when necessary as specified by the performance characteristic sheets released by the United States environmental protection agency and the United States department of housing and urban development for the specific x-ray fluorescence analyzer used. X-ray fluorescence readings shall be classified as positive, negative or

1 inconclusive in accordance with the United States department of housing
2 and urban development guidelines for the evaluation and control of lead-
3 based paint hazards in housing (June 1995, revised 1997) and the
4 performance characteristic sheets released by the United States environ-
5 mental protection agency and the United States department of housing and
6 urban development for the specific x-ray fluorescence analyzer used.
7 X-ray fluorescence readings that fall within the inconclusive zone, as
8 determined by the performance characteristic sheets, shall be confirmed
9 by laboratory analysis of paint chips, results shall be reported in
10 milligrams of lead per square centimeter and the measure of such labora-
11 tory analysis shall be definitive. If laboratory analysis is used to
12 determine lead content, results shall be reported in milligrams of lead
13 per square centimeter. Where the surface area of a paint chip sample
14 cannot be accurately measured or if an accurately measured paint chip
15 sample cannot be removed, a laboratory analysis may be reported in
16 percent by weight. In such case, lead-based paint shall mean any paint
17 or other similar surface-coating material containing more than 0.5% of
18 metallic lead, based on the non-volatile content of the paint or other
19 similar surface-coating material.

20 27. "Lead-based paint hazard" means any condition in, or proximate to,
21 a dwelling or dwelling unit occupied by a person at risk that causes
22 exposure to lead from lead-contaminated dust, from lead-based paint that
23 is deteriorated, or from lead-based paint that is present on chewable
24 surfaces, deteriorated subsurfaces, friction surfaces, or impact
25 surfaces, or in soil, that would result in adverse human health effects.

26 28. "Lead-contained" means property that has attained lead-contained
27 property status within the meaning of subdivision six of section thir-
28 teen hundred seventy-six of this title.

29 29. "Lead-contaminated dust" means surface dust that contains a mass
30 per area concentration of lead equal to or exceeding 40 micrograms per
31 square foot ("ug/ft2") on floors, or 250 ug/ft2 on interior windowsills
32 based on wipe sample, or 400 ug/ft2 on window wells, or such more strin-
33 gent standards as may be adopted by the department.

34 30. "Lead-free" means property that has attained lead-free property
35 status within the meaning of subdivision five of section thirteen
36 hundred seventy-six of this title.

37 31. "Lead-stabilized" means property that has attained lead-stabilized
38 property status within the meaning of subdivision four of section thir-
39 teen hundred seventy-six of this title.

40 32. "Local designee" means a municipal, county, or other official
41 designated by the deputy commissioner of public health as responsible
42 for assisting the designating authority, relevant state agencies, and
43 relevant county and municipal authorities, in implementing the activ-
44 ities specified by this article for the localities.

45 33. "Occupant" means any individual living or sleeping in a building,
46 or having possession of a space within a building.

47 34. "Owner" means a person, firm, corporation, nonprofit organization,
48 partnership, government, guardian, conservator, receiver, trustee, exec-
49 utor, or other judicial officer, or other entity which, alone or with
50 others, owns, holds, or controls the freehold or leasehold title or part
51 of the title to property, with or without actually possessing it. Such
52 term includes a vendee who possesses the title, but does not include a
53 mortgagee or an owner of a reversionary interest under a ground rent
54 lease. "Owner" includes any authorized agent of the owner, including a
55 property manager or leasing agent.

1 35. "Permanent" means an expected design life of at least twenty
2 years.

3 36. "Person" means any natural person.

4 37. "Person at risk" means a child under the age of seven years or a
5 pregnant woman who resides in an affected property.

6 38. "Program" means the lead poisoning prevention program in the
7 department established pursuant to section thirteen hundred seventy-a of
8 this title.

9 39. "Relocation expenses" means all expenses necessitated by the relo-
10 cation of a tenant's household to housing free of lead hazards, includ-
11 ing, but not limited to, moving and hauling expenses, the hepa-vacuuming
12 of all upholstered furniture, laundering of clothes and linens, payment
13 of a security deposit for the relocation housing, and installation and
14 connection of utilities and appliances.

15 40. "Soil-lead hazard" means soil in a play area where the soil-lead
16 concentration from a composite play area sample of bare soil is equal to
17 or greater than 400 parts per million; or in the rest of the yard when
18 the arithmetic mean lead concentration from a composite sample (or
19 arithmetic mean of composite samples) of bare soil from the rest of the
20 yard (i.e., non-play areas) is equal to or greater than 1,200 parts per
21 million.

22 41. "Tenant" means the individual named as the lessee in a lease,
23 rental agreement or other form of occupancy agreement, whether written
24 or oral, for a dwelling unit, and includes tenancies incident to employ-
25 ment. Where applicable, the term "tenant" shall also include any occu-
26 pant of the tenant's household.

27 42. "Wipe sample" means a sample collected by an appropriately accred-
28 ited person wiping a representative surface of known area, as determined
29 by American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) e1728 ("standard prac-
30 tice for the field collection of settled dust samples using wipe sampl-
31 ing methods for lead determination by atomic spectrometry techniques"),
32 with lead determination conducted by an accredited laboratory partic-
33 ipating in the environmental lead laboratory accreditation program
34 (nlap).

35 § 4. Subdivision 2 of section 1370-a of the public health law, as
36 added by chapter 485 of the laws of 1992, paragraphs (a) and (c) as
37 amended by section 4 of part A of chapter 58 of the laws of 2009, is
38 amended and three new subdivisions 4, 5 and 6 are added to read as
39 follows:

40 2. The department shall:

41 (a) identify and designate as communities of concern the thirty muni-
42 cipalities in the state having the greatest numbers of children identi-
43 fied with elevated blood lead levels, and, in cooperation with local
44 health officials and municipal officials, develop a local primary
45 prevention plan for each community of concern to prevent exposure to
46 lead consistent with this title. The commissioner is authorized to
47 enter into and shall enter into agreements or memoranda of understanding
48 with, and provide technical and other resources to, communities of
49 concern and shall ensure that the primary prevention plan targets
50 persons at risk living in the highest risk affected housing in the
51 community. Municipalities identified by the commissioner shall cooper-
52 ate fully with the department in the formulation and implementation of
53 the primary prevention plan for the designated community of concern;

54 (b) identify and designate as areas of high risk any census tract or
55 block group in the state in which during any single year, more than
56 twenty-five children have been identified with elevated blood lead

1 levels. In such areas of high risk, the department shall further require
2 that the county commissioner of health, in cooperation with appropriate
3 local municipal officials, prioritize and implement the inspection of
4 affected properties with persons at risk, and require the abatement of
5 lead-based paint hazards, or the stabilization of all conditions condu-
6 cive to lead poisoning in these inspected units using lead safe work
7 practices, in accordance with the definitions and provisions of this
8 title;

9 (c) promulgate and enforce regulations [~~for screening children and~~
10 ~~pregnant women, including requirements for blood lead testing, for lead~~
11 ~~poisoning, and for follow up of children and pregnant women who have~~
12 ~~elevated blood lead levels]~~ necessary for the implementation of all
13 portions of this title, except where responsibility for implementing
14 specific portions of this title is specifically assigned to the commis-
15 sioner of housing and community renewal or to the commissioner of taxa-
16 tion and finance;

17 [~~(b)~~] (d) enter into interagency agreements to coordinate lead poison-
18 ing prevention, exposure reduction, identification and treatment activ-
19 ities and lead reduction activities with other federal, state and local
20 agencies and programs;

21 [~~(e)~~] (e) establish a statewide registry of lead levels of children
22 provided such information is maintained as confidential except for (i)
23 disclosure for medical treatment purposes; (ii) disclosure of non-iden-
24 tifying epidemiological data; and (iii) disclosure of information from
25 such registry to the statewide immunization information system estab-
26 lished by section twenty-one hundred sixty-eight of this chapter; and

27 [~~(d)~~] (f) develop and implement public education and community
28 outreach programs on lead exposure, detection and risk reduction.

29 4. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall develop
30 culturally and linguistically appropriate information pamphlets regard-
31 ing childhood lead poisoning, the importance of testing for elevated
32 blood lead levels, prevention of childhood lead poisoning, treatment of
33 childhood lead poisoning, and tenants' and owners' rights and responsi-
34 bilities under this title. These information pamphlets shall be
35 distributed as follows:

36 (a) by the owner of any affected property or his or her agents or
37 employees at the time of the initiation and renewal of a rental agree-
38 ment to the tenant;

39 (b) by the health care provider to the parent or guardian of a child
40 at the time of a child's birth and at the time of any childhood immuni-
41 zation or vaccine unless it is established that such information
42 pamphlet has been provided previously to the parent or legal guardian by
43 the health care provider within the prior twelve months. Health care
44 providers shall also revise their patient forms to include a reminder to
45 check the lead screening status of each child under six years of age;

46 (c) by the owner or operator of any child care facility, pre-school,
47 or kindergarten class on or before October fifteenth of each calendar
48 year, to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such facility;

49 (d) by an obstetrician or gynecologist to each patient of child-bear-
50 ing age at the patient's first visit and at each pregnancy of the
51 patient; and

52 (e) by the provider of the women, infants and children program to each
53 person enrolled in such program and upon enrollment and annually there-
54 after.

55 5. Within three months after the close of the fiscal year, the commis-
56 sioner shall report to the advisory council established in section thir-

1 teen hundred seventy-b of this title on the department's implementation
2 of this section during the preceding period. Such report shall be
3 publicly available and shall include, at a minimum, a detailed statement
4 of revenue and expenditures and statement of the department's program,
5 supported by a statistical section with geographic indexing designed to
6 provide a detailed explanation of the department's enforcement, includ-
7 ing but not limited to the following:

8 (a) a statistical profile of dwellings in which violations have been
9 placed pursuant to this title, indicating the ages of the dwellings and
10 other factors relevant to the prevalence of lead-based paint hazards,
11 which may include the prior lead poisoning of a person at risk in the
12 dwelling, outstanding violations, emergency repair charges, tax arrears
13 and mortgage debt;

14 (b) the number of dwelling units inspected by the department or other
15 state or local agency pursuant to this title, the number of such units
16 where a person at risk resided, and the number of inspectors assigned to
17 conduct such inspections;

18 (c) the number of dwelling units in which the occupant complained of
19 peeling paint or a deteriorated subsurface and the number of pre-nine-
20 teen hundred seventy dwelling units in which the existence of such
21 conditions were confirmed by the department or other state or local
22 agency;

23 (d) the number of dwelling units where a person at risk resides in
24 which a violation was placed pursuant to this title, whether the
25 violation was placed in response to an occupant's complaint or other-
26 wise;

27 (e) an evaluation of the department's capability to timely inspect,
28 serve a notice of violation, and enforce the correction of violations;

29 (f) an evaluation of the department's implementation of a program of
30 inspection pursuant to subdivision six of section thirteen hundred
31 seventy-seven of this title; and

32 (g) a tabulation of all municipalities, census tracts, or census block
33 groups which have in any year more than twenty-five children with
34 elevated blood lead levels, including totals of the number of children
35 with such elevated blood lead levels by five point increments.

36 6. The commissioner shall designate a deputy commissioner of health
37 responsible for fulfilling the objectives of this title when such objec-
38 tives involve the responsibilities of the department.

39 § 5. Section 1370-b of the public health law is amended by adding a
40 new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

41 4. The department shall make recommendations to amend this title if
42 any of the following conditions occur:

43 (a) In fiscal year two thousand thirteen, the rate of children who
44 obtain blood-lead testing in compliance with section thirteen hundred
45 seventy-c of this title is less than seventy-five percent;

46 (b) In fiscal year two thousand thirteen, the number of children in
47 this state whose blood-lead level is equal to or exceeds 10 micrograms
48 per deciliter is greater than four thousand;

49 (c) In fiscal year two thousand fourteen, the rate of children who
50 obtain blood-lead testing in compliance with section thirteen hundred
51 seventy-c of this title is less than ninety percent; or

52 (d) In fiscal year two thousand fourteen, the number of children in
53 this state whose blood-lead level is equal to or exceeds 10 micrograms
54 per deciliter is greater than two thousand.

1 Such recommendations shall be submitted to the advisory council within
2 six months after the close of the fiscal year in which the condition
3 occurs.

4 § 6. Subdivision 1 of section 1370-c of the public health law, as
5 added by chapter 485 of the laws of 1992, is amended and four new subdi-
6 visions 5, 6, 7 and 8 are added to read as follows:

7 1. The department [~~is authorized to~~] shall promulgate and enforce
8 regulations establishing the means by which and the intervals at which
9 [~~children and pregnant women~~] persons at risk shall be screened for
10 elevated blood lead levels and for follow up of persons at risk who have
11 elevated blood lead levels. The department is also authorized to
12 require screening for lead poisoning in other high risk groups. At a
13 minimum, the department shall ensure that all children at both age one
14 year and at age two years and pregnant women shall be screened and that
15 all children who are considered at risk up to six years of age shall be
16 screened at least once each year.

17 5. Each health insurer or health maintenance organization shall report
18 annually to the department its aggregate data regarding compliance with
19 the screening requirements pursuant to this section. Such data shall
20 detail the number and percentage of children seen who were ages one and
21 two, the number and percentage who were screened at age one, and the
22 number and percentage who were screened at age two, separately organized
23 by zip code. This report on screening compliance shall be provided to
24 the department by March first following the end of the calendar year.
25 The comptroller shall include a review of compliance with this section
26 in any audit it performs.

27 6. The department shall include the screening and reporting require-
28 ments in its contracts for services under the medicaid and child health
29 plus programs or any other programs funded in whole or in part with
30 state or local funds and providing health services to persons at risk,
31 and shall impose compliance targets and appropriate penalties or sanc-
32 tions in the event such targets are not achieved.

33 7. By April fifteenth of each year the department shall report to the
34 health committees of the senate and assembly and make publicly available
35 a report on screening rates of the preceding year pursuant to this
36 section, including the actual number and estimated percentage of one
37 year old children and the actual number and estimated percentage of two
38 year old children screened for blood lead, the actual number and esti-
39 mated percentage of children screened at both one year of age and two
40 years of age, the performance of medicaid and child health plus programs
41 or any other programs funded in whole or in part with state and local
42 funds and providing health services to persons at risk, and its actions
43 to publicize and enforce the obligations on health care providers pursu-
44 ant to this section.

45 8. The department shall promulgate regulations establishing penalties
46 for knowing violations of subdivision two of this section.

47 § 7. Sections 1373 and 1375 of the public health law are REPEALED and
48 eight new sections 1370-f, 1373, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1378, 1379 and 1379-a
49 are added to read as follows:

50 § 1370-f. Response to a child with elevated blood lead levels and
51 conditions conducive to lead poisoning. 1. For each person at risk who
52 has a confirmed elevated blood lead level, primary health care providers
53 shall provide or make reasonable efforts to ensure the provision of a
54 complete diagnostic evaluation; medical treatment, if necessary; and
55 referral to the appropriate local or state health unit for environmental
56 management. A complete diagnostic evaluation shall include at a minimum:

1 a detailed lead exposure assessment, a nutritional assessment, including
2 iron status, and, as appropriate, development screening.

3 2. The commissioner or the commissioner's designated representative,
4 as the appropriate local or state health unit for environmental manage-
5 ment, shall conduct an environmental assessment, which shall include an
6 emergency inspection in accordance with subdivision three of section
7 thirteen hundred seventy-seven of this title, to determine the source of
8 exposure to lead for any person at risk referred pursuant to subdivision
9 one of this section.

10 3. For each person at risk who is referred for environmental manage-
11 ment pursuant to this section, whenever the commissioner or his or her
12 designated representative determines that a condition conducive to lead
13 poisoning exists in a dwelling, a written notice and demand for discon-
14 tinuance shall be issued in accordance with section thirteen hundred
15 seventy-eight of this title. The commissioner or the commissioner's
16 designated representative shall also immediately notify the appropriate
17 public welfare department of the issuance of such written notice and
18 demand pursuant to section one hundred forty-three-b of the social
19 services law.

20 4. Whenever the commissioner or his or her representative shall
21 designate an area of high risk, other than a census tract or block group
22 so designated pursuant to section thirteen hundred seventy-a of this
23 title he or she may give written notice and demand, served as provided
24 in section thirteen hundred seventy-eight of this title for the discon-
25 tinuance of a paint condition conducive to lead poisoning in any desig-
26 nated dwelling in such area within a specified period of time.

27 5. Whenever the commissioner or his or her designated representative
28 has issued a written notice and demand for a discontinuance of a condi-
29 tion conducive to lead poisoning, prior to clearing such condition as
30 meeting the requirements of this title, the commissioner or his or her
31 designated representative shall complete a clearance examination to
32 confirm the safety of the location. Such clearance examinations shall
33 include a visual assessment, dust sampling, submission of samples for
34 analysis for lead, interpretation of sampling results, and preparation
35 of a report. Clearance examinations shall be performed in accordance
36 with federal guidelines in 24 C.F.R. section 35.1340 or successor regu-
37 lation.

38 § 1373. Safe work practices for activities disturbing lead-based paint
39 or paint of unknown lead content in affected properties with persons at
40 risk. 1. All work performed by an owner or the owner's agents or
41 contractors, in affected property occupied by a person or persons at
42 risk, that disturbs lead-based paint or paint of undetermined lead
43 content shall be performed in accordance with safe work regulations
44 promulgated by the commissioner. Such regulations shall provide for,
45 among other things:

46 (a) notice to tenants;

47 (b) training requirements, which shall require that such work be
48 performed by persons who have, at a minimum, successfully completed a
49 course on lead-safe work practices given by or on behalf of the depart-
50 ment, or the division of housing and community renewal, by the United
51 States environmental protection agency or an entity authorized by it to
52 give such course, or by the United States department of housing and
53 urban development or an entity authorized by it to give such course;

54 (c) precautions to prevent entry into the work area by occupants until
55 clean-up is completed and for temporary relocation provided by the owner

1 for the occupants of a dwelling or dwelling unit to appropriate housing
2 when work cannot be performed safely;

3 (d) precautions to prevent the dispersion of lead dust and debris
4 during the work;

5 (e) prohibited practices of lead paint removal, including dry scraping
6 and sanding, use of power tools without proper environmental controls,
7 and the use of toxic substances;

8 (f) proper daily and final clean-up requirements;

9 (g) dust wipe clearance testing;

10 (h) pre-notification of local municipal code enforcement agencies or
11 health departments, where appropriate; and

12 (i) exceptions for small jobs that involve disturbing less than two
13 square feet of lead-based paint or paint of undetermined lead content or
14 less than ten percent of the total surface area of peeling paint on a
15 type of component with a small surface area, such as a windowsill or
16 door frame.

17 2. A tenant shall allow access to an affected property, at reasonable
18 times, to the owner to perform any work required under this title.

19 3. If a tenant must vacate an affected property for a period of twenty-
20 four hours or more in order to allow an owner to perform work that
21 will disturb the paint on interior surfaces, the owner shall pay to the
22 tenant in advance the reasonable relocation expenses that the tenant
23 incurs directly related to the required relocation.

24 4. The deputy commissioner or the deputy commissioner's designee,
25 within one hundred twenty days following the effective date of this
26 section, shall establish guidelines and a trainer's manual for a "lead-
27 safe housing awareness seminar" with a total class time of three hours
28 or less. Such guidelines and materials shall be made available so that
29 such courses may be offered by professional associations and community
30 organizations with a training capacity, existing accredited educational
31 institutions, and for-profit educational providers. All such offering
32 proposals shall be reviewed and approved, based on seminar content and
33 qualifications of instructors, by the deputy commissioner of housing and
34 community renewal or the deputy commissioner's designee.

35 § 1375. Accreditation of inspectors and contractors performing work.

36 1. No person shall act as a contractor or supervisor to perform the
37 work necessary for lead-based paint hazard abatement as defined in this
38 title unless that person is accredited pursuant to one of the following:

39 (a) Regulations that may be adopted by the commissioner pursuant to
40 this section governing the accreditation of individuals to engage in
41 lead-based paint activities sufficient to satisfy the requirements of 40
42 C.F.R. 745.325 or successor regulations;

43 (b) Certification by the United States environmental protection agency
44 to engage in lead-based paint activities pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 745.226
45 or successor regulation; or

46 (c) Certification by a state or tribal program authorized by the
47 United States environmental protection agency to certify individuals
48 engaged in lead-based paint activities pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 745.325 or
49 successor regulation.

50 The commissioner shall, by regulation, create exceptions to the
51 accreditation requirement for instances where the disturbance of lead-
52 based paint is small and incidental, such as work that disturbs surfaces
53 of less than either two square feet of peeling lead-based paint per room
54 or ten percent of the total surface area of peeling paint on a type of
55 component with a small surface area, such as a windowsill or door frame.

2. No person shall conduct an inspection required by sections thirteen hundred seventy-six and thirteen hundred seventy-seven of this title, unless that person is accredited pursuant to one of the following:

(a) regulations that may be adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section governing the accreditation of individuals eligible to conduct the inspections required by this title sufficient to satisfy the requirements of 40 C.F.R. 745.325 or successor regulation; or

(b) certification to conduct inspections by the United States environmental protection agency pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 745.226(b) or successor regulation; or

(c) certification by a state or tribal program authorized by the United States environmental protection agency to certify individuals engaged in lead-based paint activities pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 745.325 or successor regulation.

3. The commissioner may adopt regulations, sufficient to satisfy the requirements of 40 C.F.R. 745.325 or successor regulation, governing the accreditation of individuals engaging in lead-based paint activities under this title or eligible to conduct the inspections required by this title. The accreditation of such persons pursuant to such regulations shall extend for a period of three years unless the deputy commissioner has probable cause to believe a person accredited under this section has violated the terms of the accreditation or engaged in illegal or unethical conduct related to inspections required by this title in which case the accreditation to perform inspections shall be suspended pending a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the state administrative procedure act. The commissioner shall establish by regulation a schedule of fees for the accreditation and registration of such persons. Such fees shall be required to be paid at the time of initial registration and at the time of subsequent renewal of registration, and shall be sufficient to cover all costs, including the costs of state personnel, attributable to accreditation activities conducted under this section.

(a) Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision will be held in a continuing, non-lapsing special fund to be used for accreditation purposes under this section.

(b) The fund established under this subdivision shall be invested and reinvested and any investment earnings shall be paid into the fund.

4. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor.

§ 1376. Requirements for affected properties occupied by persons at risk. 1. All affected properties occupied by persons at risk shall be maintained free of conditions conducive to lead paint poisoning.

2. Within two years following the effective date of this section the owner of any affected property that is occupied by a person at risk must certify, through a sworn statement in a form prescribed by the commissioner, that the property meets "lead stabilized" status as defined by subdivision three of this section and the owner is complying with subdivision two of section thirteen hundred seventy-seven of this title, unless a report has been submitted by a certified inspector stating that the property is either "lead free" or is "lead contained" as provided for in subdivision five or six of this section.

3. An affected property will be considered to be "lead stabilized" when:

(a) All exterior and interior painted surfaces have been visually reviewed; and all chipping, peeling, or flaking lead-based paint or paint of unknown lead content on exterior and interior painted surfaces has been removed and repainted, or stabilized and repainted, and any

1 structural defect that is causing or likely to cause lead-based paint or
2 paint of unknown lead content to chip, peel, or flake that the owner of
3 the affected property has knowledge of, or with the exercise of reason-
4 able care should have knowledge of, has been repaired; and

5 (b) All window friction surfaces with lead-based paint or paint of
6 unknown lead content have had such paint removed or permanently covered,
7 such as via the installation of replacement window channels or slides,
8 and interior window troughs and windowsills have been either stripped
9 and repainted, replaced, or encapsulated with vinyl, metal, or any other
10 durable materials which render the surface smooth and cleanable; and

11 (c) All doors and doorways have been adjusted or re-hung as necessary
12 to prevent the rubbing together of any surface with lead-based paint or
13 paint of unknown lead content with another surface; and

14 (d) All bare floors have been made smooth and cleanable; and

15 (e) All work has been completed in compliance with the safe work prac-
16 tice regulations promulgated pursuant to section thirteen hundred seven-
17 ty-three of this title; and

18 (f) At the completion of any activities described in this subdivision
19 that disturb lead-based paint or paint of unknown lead content:

20 (i) the interior of the affected property has been HEPA vacuumed and
21 washed with high phosphate detergent or its equivalent; and

22 (ii) clearance for lead dust hazards has been achieved as determined
23 by wipe samples in all areas accessible to persons at risk, taken by
24 properly accredited independent personnel after completion of all activ-
25 ities undertaken pursuant to subdivision two of this section.

26 4. An owner certifying that an affected property meets "lead stabi-
27 lized" status under subdivision two of this section shall retain the
28 sworn certification, which shall be valid for three years, and make it
29 available for inspection by department or local officials, including the
30 results of wipe tests when conducted, and shall provide a copy of the
31 certification and wipe test results to the tenant.

32 5. An affected property will be considered to be "lead-free" for the
33 purposes of this section if the owner of the affected property submits
34 to the deputy commissioner's designee for the jurisdiction in which such
35 property is located an inspection report which indicates that the
36 affected property has been tested by an inspector, accredited pursuant
37 to the provisions of section thirteen hundred seventy-five of this
38 title, for the presence of lead in accordance with standards and proce-
39 dures established by the regulations promulgated by the commissioner and
40 states under penalties of perjury that there is no lead-based paint or
41 lead-contaminated dust present on the interior surfaces of the dwelling
42 unit, no lead-based paint on the interior surfaces of the common areas
43 of the property, and no lead-based paint present on any of the exterior
44 surfaces of the property. A copy of the most recent inspection report
45 shall be provided to the tenant.

46 6. An affected property will be considered to be "lead contained" for
47 the purposes of this section if the owner of the affected property
48 submits a report by a certified inspector, accredited pursuant to the
49 provisions of section thirteen hundred seventy-five of this title, which
50 indicates that the affected property has been tested for the presence of
51 lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust in accordance with the stan-
52 dards and procedures established by regulations promulgated by the
53 commissioner and states under penalties of perjury that:

54 (a) All interior surfaces in the affected property either do not
55 contain lead-based paint or have been permanently abated; and

1 (b)(i) All exterior painted surfaces of the affected property that
2 were chipping, peeling, or flaking have been restored with non-lead
3 based paint and no exterior painted surfaces of the affected property
4 are chipping, peeling, or flaking; or

5 (ii) All exterior painted surfaces of the affected property have been
6 covered with vinyl siding or similar siding and sealed in a manner that
7 prevents exposure to chipping, peeling, or flaking paint; and

8 (c) Clearance for lead dust hazards has been achieved as determined by
9 wipe samples in all areas accessible to persons at risk, taken by prop-
10 erly accredited independent personnel. A copy of the inspection report
11 shall be provided to the tenant.

12 7. In order to maintain "lead contained" status the owner of an
13 affected property with lead-based paint on any exterior surface which
14 has been certified as "lead contained" pursuant to subdivision six of
15 this section shall submit to the deputy commissioner's designee for the
16 jurisdiction in which such property is located every three years a
17 certification by an inspector, stating under penalties of perjury that
18 no exterior painted surface of the affected property is chipping, peel-
19 ing, or flaking, and that there has been no compromise of any interior
20 abatement system that relies upon the enclosure or encapsulation for
21 lead-based paint. A copy of such certification shall be retained by the
22 owner and made available for inspection by department or local officials
23 and shall be provided to the tenant.

24 § 1377. Due diligence inquiries; investigation and inspection of
25 affected properties. 1. Beginning two years after the effective date of
26 this section, unless the owner of an affected property has previously
27 documented in the manner required by the deputy commissioner that a
28 property has been determined to have achieved "lead-free" property
29 status or "lead-contained" property status, the owner of an affected
30 property shall make a due diligence inquiry to ascertain whether a
31 person at risk resides in an affected property.

32 (a) No occupant in a dwelling unit in such affected property shall
33 refuse or unreasonably fail to provide accurate and truthful information
34 regarding the residency of a person at risk.

35 (b) All leases offered to tenants or prospective tenants in affected
36 properties must contain a notice, conspicuously set forth therein, which
37 advises tenants of the obligations of the owner and tenant as set forth
38 in this section. Such notice must be in a manner approved by the deputy
39 commissioner, the content of which shall, at a minimum, be in English
40 and Spanish. The owner of an affected property shall provide the occu-
41 pant of such dwelling unit with a pamphlet developed pursuant to subdivi-
42 sion four of section thirteen hundred seventy-a of this title.

43 (c)(i) The owner of such affected property shall provide to an occu-
44 pant of a dwelling unit at the signing of a lease, including a renewal
45 lease, if any, or upon any agreement to lease, or at the commencement of
46 occupancy if there is no lease, a notice in English and Spanish, the
47 form and content of which shall be approved by the department, inquiring
48 whether a person at risk resides or will reside therein. If there is a
49 lease, such notice shall be included in such lease or be attached as a
50 rider to such lease. Such notice shall be completed by the occupant at
51 the time of such signing of a lease, including a renewal lease, if any,
52 or such agreement to lease, or at such commencement of occupancy.

53 (ii) Where an occupant has responded to the notice provided by the
54 owner pursuant to subparagraph (i) of this paragraph by indicating that
55 no person at risk resides therein, during the period between the date of
56 such response and the delivery of the notice provided by the owner

1 pursuant to paragraph (d) of this subdivision during the immediately
2 following year the occupant shall have the responsibility to inform the
3 owner of any person at risk that comes to reside therein during such
4 period.

5 (d)(i) Each year, an owner of an affected property shall, no earlier
6 than January first and no later than January sixteenth, except as
7 provided for in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of this subdivision,
8 present to the occupant of each dwelling unit in such affected property
9 a notice inquiring as to whether a person at risk resides therein. Such
10 notice, the form and content of which shall be approved by the deputy
11 commissioner, shall be presented as provided for in subparagraph (ii) of
12 paragraph (c) of this subdivision, and shall be in English and Spanish.

13 (ii) The owner may present the notice required by subparagraph (i) of
14 this paragraph by delivering said notice by any one of the following
15 methods:

16 (1) by first class mail, addressed to the occupant of the dwelling
17 unit;

18 (2) by hand delivery to the occupant of the dwelling unit; or

19 (3) by enclosure with the January rent bill, if such rent bill is
20 delivered after December fifteenth but no later than January sixteenth.

21 (iii) (1) Upon receipt of such notice the occupant shall have the
22 responsibility to deliver by February fifteenth of that year, a written
23 response to the owner indicating whether or not a person at risk resides
24 therein. If, subsequent to delivery of such notice, the owner does not
25 receive such written response by February fifteenth, and does not other-
26 wise have actual knowledge as to whether a person at risk resides there-
27 in, then the owner shall at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice
28 inspect that occupant's dwelling unit to ascertain the residency of a
29 person at risk and, when necessary, conduct an investigation in order to
30 make that determination. Where, between February sixteenth and March
31 first of that year, the owner has made reasonable attempts to gain
32 access to a dwelling unit to determine if a person at risk resides in
33 that dwelling unit and was unable to gain access, the owner shall notify
34 the deputy commissioner or the deputy commissioner's local designee of
35 that circumstance.

36 (2) Where an occupant has responded to the notice provided by the
37 owner pursuant to subparagraph (i) of this paragraph by indicating that
38 no person at risk resides therein, during the period between the date of
39 such response and the delivery of the notice provided by the owner
40 pursuant to this subdivision during the immediately following year the
41 occupant shall have the responsibility to inform the owner of any person
42 at risk that comes to reside therein during such period.

43 (e) The owner shall make and maintain a record of all due diligence
44 inquiries, in electronic or hard-copy format, for a period of six years.
45 Copies of such records shall be made available upon request to the depu-
46 ty commissioner or his or her local designee.

47 2. Beginning two years after the effective date of this section, when
48 the owner determines that a person at risk resides at an affected prop-
49 erty as provided in subdivision one of this section, and the owner of an
50 affected property has not previously documented in the manner required
51 by the deputy commissioner that a property has been determined to have
52 achieved either "lead-free" property status or "lead-contained" property
53 status, notwithstanding any certification completed pursuant to subdivi-
54 sion two of section thirteen hundred seventy-six of this title, the
55 owner shall then cause an investigation to be made, either directly by
56 the owner, the owner's agent or employee, or by any other person author-

1 ized by the deputy commissioner, to determine whether such property
2 complies, at a minimum, with "lead-stabilized" property status. Alterna-
3 tively, the owner may cause an inspection to be made by a person trained
4 and accredited for such inspections as described in section thirteen
5 hundred seventy-five of this title for the purpose of determining wheth-
6 er the affected property complies with either "lead-free" property
7 status or "lead-contained" property status.

8 (a) The investigation to ascertain whether a property complies with
9 "lead-stabilized" property status shall occur at least once a year and
10 more often if necessary, such as when the owner knows or should reason-
11 ably be aware that a person at risk has become an occupant of the
12 affected property.

13 (b) An inspection or investigation shall, in addition, be conducted
14 when, in the exercise of reasonable care, an owner knows or should know
15 of a condition that is reasonably foreseeable to be conducive to lead
16 poisoning, or when an occupant specifically requests that an inspection
17 or investigation be made based upon his or her reasonable belief that
18 such a condition exists, or when an occupant makes a complaint to the
19 owner concerning a condition that the owner knows or should know is
20 reasonably foreseeable to be conducive to lead poisoning.

21 (c) In addition to any investigations or inspections required under
22 paragraphs (a) or (b) of this subdivision, the owner shall cause such an
23 investigation or inspection to be made within the thirty days prior to
24 the leasing, rental, or other turnover of an affected property, and
25 shall report the findings of that investigation or inspection to
26 prospective tenants in accordance with Title X of the federal residen-
27 tial lead poisoning prevention act and this title.

28 (d) The owner shall make and maintain a record of all investigations
29 or inspections conducted under this subdivision in a form prescribed by
30 the deputy commissioner. The owner shall maintain such record, in elec-
31 tronic or hard-copy format, for a period of six years. Copies of such
32 records shall be made available upon request to the deputy commissioner,
33 his or her local designee, tenants and occupants of the affected proper-
34 ty, and any prospective tenants or occupants of the affected property.

35 (e) The owner shall cause a summary of such investigation or
36 inspection report, in a form prescribed by the deputy commissioner, to
37 be conspicuously posted in a common area of the dwelling in or adjacent
38 to main entrances. Where there is more than one affected property in the
39 dwelling, the summary shall be posted in a common area of the dwelling
40 in, or adjacent to, the main entrance or entrances. In cases where it is
41 not feasible to post such reports in a common area, the owner or agent
42 shall deliver individual copies of such summary to each affected unit.
43 Said summary shall indicate that the full report of such investigation
44 or inspection is available to tenants upon request.

45 3. Beginning two years after the effective date of this section, the
46 deputy commissioner's designee for the jurisdiction in which such prop-
47 erty is located shall order an inspection of an affected property by an
48 inspector accredited pursuant to the provisions of section thirteen
49 hundred seventy-five of this title, at the expense of the owner of the
50 affected property, whenever the deputy commissioner's designee for the
51 jurisdiction in which such property is located, receives notification
52 that the affected property does not reasonably appear to comply with
53 either the lead-free, lead-contained, or lead-stabilized property status
54 and that a person at risk resides in the affected property. Any state or
55 local agency employees who have occasion to observe deteriorated paint
56 or any other condition believed to be conducive to lead poisoning at an

1 affected property are authorized to report, and shall report, such
2 conditions to the deputy commissioner's designee, and in such instance,
3 the deputy commissioner's designee shall require an inspection to be
4 made of the affected property. An inspection required under this subdi-
5 vision shall be completed within ninety days after notification of the
6 deputy commissioner's designee for the jurisdiction in which such prop-
7 erty is located. In the event such inspection results in a finding of
8 lead hazards, a report of such findings shall be immediately transmitted
9 by the deputy commissioner or the deputy commissioner's designee for the
10 jurisdiction in which such property is located to the appropriate local
11 social services department pursuant to section one hundred forty-three-b
12 of the social services law.

13 4. The deputy commissioner, or the deputy commissioner's designee for
14 the jurisdiction in which such property is located, shall order an
15 inspection of an affected property for conditions conducive to lead
16 poisoning, by an inspector accredited pursuant to the provisions of
17 section thirteen hundred seventy-five of this title, at the expense of
18 the owner of the affected property, whenever the deputy commissioner or
19 the deputy commissioner's designee for the jurisdiction in which such
20 property is located is notified that a person at risk who resides in the
21 affected property or spends more than fifteen hours per week in the
22 affected property has an elevated blood lead level. An inspection under
23 this subdivision shall be completed within fifteen days after notifica-
24 tion of the deputy commissioner or the deputy commissioner's designee
25 for the jurisdiction in which such property is located. In the event
26 such inspection results in a finding of conditions conducive to lead
27 poisoning, a report of such finding shall be promptly transmitted by the
28 deputy commissioner, or the deputy commissioner's designee for the
29 jurisdiction in which the subject property is located, to the appropri-
30 ate local social services department pursuant to section one hundred
31 forty-three-b of the social services law.

32 5. An owner of an affected property at any time after the effective
33 date of this section, may request voluntarily that the deputy commis-
34 sioner, or the deputy commissioner's designee for the jurisdiction in
35 which such property is located, conduct an inspection by an inspector
36 accredited pursuant to the provisions of section thirteen hundred seven-
37 ty-five of this title, of an affected property, at the expense of the
38 owner, to determine whether it complies with the requirements for lead-
39 free property, lead-contained property status, or lead-stabilized prop-
40 erty status. Such inspection shall be completed within thirty days after
41 the owner's request.

42 6. The deputy commissioner shall establish a primary prevention
43 inspection program in areas of high risk to identify and target affected
44 properties where there are persons who may be exposed to lead-based
45 paint hazards in order that inspections may be conducted without the
46 receipt of a complaint or other such event triggering an inspection, and
47 require for each such area of high risk that the county commissioner of
48 health or his or her other local designee, and such local municipal
49 building or property maintenance code enforcement officials having
50 jurisdiction over such area as the deputy commissioner shall designate,
51 prepare and implement a strategy to:

52 (a) assure that a sufficient number of qualified inspection personnel
53 are available;

54 (b) identify the affected properties with persons at risk in that
55 municipality, census tract or census block group that are most likely to
56 contain conditions conducive to lead poisoning;

1 (c) require, at the owner's expense, the inspection of affected prop-
2 erties for conditions conducive to lead poisoning; and

3 (d) require that such inspected properties attain lead-free, lead-con-
4 tained, or lead-stabilized status, and elimination of all conditions
5 conductive to lead poisoning in such properties, using lead safe work
6 practices in accordance with the provisions of this title.

7 In preparing this primary prevention inspection strategy, the responsi-
8 ble officials shall, among other factors, consider reports of persons at
9 risk with elevated blood lead levels in other units in a building; the
10 age and maintenance history of a building; and any available data on the
11 presence of young children from birth certificates issued by the depart-
12 ment.

13 7. An inspector shall submit a verified report of the result of the
14 inspection conducted pursuant to subdivision two, three, four, five or
15 six of this section to the deputy commissioner or the deputy commis-
16 sioner's designee for the jurisdiction in which such property is located,
17 the owner, and the tenant, if any, of the affected property. Such report
18 shall be completed subject to penalties for perjury and include the
19 inspector's state registration number and date of certification to
20 perform such inspections. In the event such inspection results in a
21 finding of lead-based paint hazards or conditions conducive to lead
22 poisoning, a report of such findings shall be promptly transmitted by
23 the deputy commissioner or the deputy commissioner's designee for the
24 jurisdiction in which such property is located and to the appropriate
25 local social services department pursuant to section one hundred forty-
26 three-b of the social services law.

27 8. Unless an affected property has been certified as "lead-free prop-
28 erty status" as provided in subdivision two of section thirteen hundred
29 seventy of this title, any written or printed lease for the lease or
30 renting of an affected property for a term beginning at a date more than
31 one year following the effective date of this title shall include the
32 following provisions, in both English and Spanish, in prominently
33 displayed and easily readable type or printing:

34 "This property, constructed before January 1, 1970, may contain lead-
35 based paint. Lead-based paint, if it is not properly removed or main-
36 tained, may cause brain damage or other serious health impacts in chil-
37 dren less than seven years of age and fetal injury in pregnant women.
38 New York state law requires the landlord to comply with maintenance
39 standards to avoid lead-based paint hazards. This property (owner or
40 agent to check appropriate box):

41 _____ has been inspected by an independent inspector certified under
42 New York state law within the past sixty days and found not to contain
43 lead-based paint hazards.

44 _____ has been investigated by the owner, manager, or his/her agent
45 within the past thirty days and observable lead-based paint hazards have
46 been stabilized.

47 _____ has not been inspected for lead-based paint hazards. This prop-
48 erty may contain lead-based paint hazards dangerous to a child less than
49 seven years of age."

50 9. At the time of the lease or renting of an affected property without
51 a written or printed lease at a date more than one year following the
52 effective date of this section, the front entranceway or door of the
53 affected property shall be posted with a sign containing the language
54 quoted in subdivision eight of this section, in both English and Span-
55 ish, and in prominently displayed and easily readable type or printing.

1 § 1378. Enforcement. 1. Whenever the deputy commissioner or deputy
2 commissioner's designee finds an affected property to not be in compli-
3 ance with the applicable requirements for either lead-free, or lead-con-
4 tained, or lead-stabilized property status, the deputy commissioner or
5 deputy commissioner's designee shall give written notice and demand,
6 served as provided herein, for the discontinuance of any condition fail-
7 ing to comply with either the lead-free, lead-contained, or lead-stabi-
8 lized standards in an affected property within a specified period of
9 time not to exceed thirty days. The deputy commissioner or deputy
10 commissioner's designee shall also immediately notify the appropriate
11 local social services department of the issuance of such written notice
12 and demand pursuant to section one hundred forty-three-b of the social
13 services law.

14 2. In the event of failure to comply with a notice and demand, the
15 deputy commissioner or the deputy commissioner's designee shall conduct
16 a formal hearing upon due notice in accordance with the provisions of
17 this section and on proof of violation of such notice and demand shall
18 order the owner of an affected property to take specified corrective
19 actions to have the affected property satisfy the requirements, at a
20 minimum, of lead-contained or lead-stabilized property and may assess a
21 penalty not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each
22 affected property. In the event that such failure to comply concerns a
23 notice and demand issued in response to an environmental assessment
24 undertaken pursuant to subdivision three of section thirteen hundred
25 seventy-seven of this title, the deputy commissioner or the deputy
26 commissioner's designee, shall cause the condition to be remediated
27 within the next thirty days, and may place a lien on such property and
28 commence such legal actions as are necessary to recover from the owner
29 of such property the deputy commissioner's expenditures in connection
30 therewith, including legal fees.

31 3. A notice required by this section may be served upon an owner or
32 occupant of the dwelling or agent of the owner in the same manner as a
33 summons in a civil action or by registered or certified mail to his or
34 her last known address or place of residence.

35 4. The deputy commissioner's designee having jurisdiction, county and
36 city commissioners of health, and local housing code enforcement agen-
37 cies designated by the deputy commissioner's designee having jurisdic-
38 tion or county or city commissioner of health shall have the same
39 authority, powers and duties within their respective jurisdictions as
40 has the deputy commissioner under the provisions of this title.

41 5. The deputy commissioner or deputy commissioner's representative and
42 an official or agency specified in subdivision one of this section may
43 request and shall receive from all public officers, departments and
44 agencies of the state and its political subdivisions such cooperation
45 and assistance as may be necessary or proper in the enforcement of the
46 provisions of this title.

47 6. Any violation of the requirements of section thirteen hundred
48 seventy-six of this title shall also constitute a violation of any
49 municipal or other local housing code and shall subject the owner of an
50 affected property to all orders, criminal penalties, and other civil
51 forfeitures or penalties that are possible under such municipal or local
52 housing code, and shall also constitute a rent impairing violation with-
53 in the meaning of section three hundred two-a of the multiple dwelling
54 law and section three hundred five-a of the multiple residence law.

55 7. Nothing contained in this title shall be construed to alter or
56 abridge any duties and powers now or hereafter existing in the deputy

1 commissioner, county boards of health, city and county commissioners of
2 health, the New York city department of housing preservation and devel-
3 opment and the department of health, local boards of health or other
4 public agencies or public officials, or any private party, including the
5 power to impose more stringent measures to protect public health.

6 8. The office of the attorney general and all local authorities
7 responsible for the enforcement of state, municipal, and other local
8 housing codes are hereby empowered to and shall vigorously enforce civil
9 remedies and/or criminal penalties provided for by law arising out of
10 the failure to comply with the requirements of this section, sections
11 thirteen hundred seventy-five or thirteen hundred seventy-six of this
12 title and may seek injunctive relief where appropriate.

13 9. (a) Any administrative proceeding or civil or criminal action by
14 state or local officials to enforce the provisions of this section shall
15 be reported to the deputy commissioner.

16 (b) The deputy commissioner shall issue an annual report outlining
17 specifically the enforcement actions brought pursuant to this section,
18 the identity of the owners of the affected properties, the authority
19 bringing the enforcement action, the nature of the action, and describ-
20 ing the criminal penalties and/or civil relief.

21 10. The removal of a tenant from or the surrender by the tenant of a
22 dwelling with respect to which the deputy commissioner or his or her
23 representative, pursuant to subdivision one of this section, has given
24 written notice and demand for the discontinuance of a condition condu-
25 cive to lead poisoning shall not absolve, relieve or discharge any
26 persons chargeable therewith from the obligation and responsibility to
27 discontinue such condition conducive to lead poisoning in accordance
28 with the method of discontinuance prescribed therefor in such notice and
29 demand.

30 § 1379. Injunctive relief. 1. If an owner of an affected property
31 fails to comply with the requirements of section thirteen hundred seven-
32 ty-six of this title, a person at risk or the parent or legal guardian
33 of a person at risk or other interested persons may seek injunctive
34 relief from a court of competent jurisdiction against the owner of the
35 affected property in the form of a court order to compel compliance.

36 2. A court shall not grant the injunctive relief requested pursuant to
37 subdivision one of this section, unless, at least thirty days prior to
38 the filing requesting the injunction, the owner of the affected property
39 has received written notice of the violation of standards contained in
40 section thirteen hundred seventy-six of this title and has failed to
41 bring the affected property into compliance with the applicable stand-
42 ards. This notice to the owner of the affected property is satisfied
43 when any of the following has occurred:

44 (a) A person at risk, his or her parent or legal guardian, or attor-
45 ney, has notified the owner of an affected property that the property
46 fails to meet the requirements for either lead-contained property status
47 or lead-stabilized property status;

48 (b) The deputy commissioner, the commissioner of housing and community
49 renewal, or the designee of either of these such officials, a municipal
50 or other local authority with responsibility for enforcing any local
51 housing code or codes, or a local or municipal department of health has
52 notified the owner of the affected property of violations of the
53 provisions of this title occurring within an affected property or of the
54 failure to register and file reports as required by this title; or

55 (c) A criminal or civil action pursuant to this title has been brought
56 by either state or local enforcement officials to enforce this title.

3. The notice requirement of subdivision two of this section shall not apply with respect to applications for preliminary injunctive relief.

4. A person who prevails in an action to enforce the provisions of this title is entitled to an award of the costs of the litigation and to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees in an amount to be fixed by the court.

5. Cases brought before the court under this section shall be granted an accelerated hearing.

6. The legal remedies created under this section shall be in addition to any other common law or statutory remedies, which may be pursued in the same or separate action or proceeding.

§ 1379-a. Retaliatory evictions prohibited. 1. An owner of an affected property may not evict or take any other retaliatory action against a person at risk or his or her parent or legal guardian in response to the actions of the person at risk, his or her parent or legal guardian in:

(a) providing information to the owner of the affected property, the deputy commissioner, the commissioner of housing and community renewal, or the designee of either of these officials, a local or municipal department of health, or a municipal or other local authority with responsibility for enforcing any local housing code or codes concerning lead-based paint hazards within an affected property or elevated blood lead levels of a person at risk; or

(b) enforcing any of his or her rights under this title.

2. For purposes of this section, a retaliatory action includes any of the following actions in which the activities protected under subdivision one of this section are a material factor in motivating said action:

(a) A refusal to renew a lease;

(b) Termination of a tenancy;

(c) An arbitrary rent increase or decrease in services to which the person at risk or his or her parent or legal guardian is entitled; or

(d) Any form of constructive eviction.

3. A person at risk or his or her parent or legal guardian subject to an eviction or retaliatory action under this section is entitled to the relief as may be provided by statute and/or any further relief deemed just and equitable by the court, and is eligible for reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

§ 8. The real property law is amended by adding two new sections 236-a and 242-a to read as follows:

§ 236-a. Discrimination against persons and families receiving public assistance or governmental housing subsidies prohibited. 1. Any person, firm or corporation owning or having in charge any apartment house, tenement house or other building or manufactured home park used for dwelling purposes who shall refuse to rent any or part of any such building or manufactured home park to any person or family, or who discriminates in the terms, conditions, or privileges of any such rental, on the ground that such person or family receives public assistance or any other government subsidy for payment of rent shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars for each offense.

2. (a) Where discriminatory conduct prohibited by this section has occurred, an aggrieved individual shall have a cause of action in any court of competent jurisdiction for damages, declaratory and injunctive relief.

1 (b) In all actions brought under this section, the court shall allow
2 the prevailing plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and, upon a finding
3 that defendant's discriminatory conduct was willful, an additional
4 amount as liquidated damages equal to two thousand five hundred dollars
5 shall be awarded.

6 § 242-a. Inspection of residential real property for lead-based paint
7 prior to transfer. 1. (a) Effective January first, two thousand nine-
8 teen, the transferor or grantor of any residential real property erected
9 prior to the year nineteen hundred seventy, or in cities with a popu-
10 lation of one million or more a dwelling erected prior to the year nine-
11 teen hundred sixty, shall provide to the transferee or grantee a certif-
12 icate that such property has been tested for the presence of lead-based
13 paint, as defined in subdivision twenty-six of section thirteen hundred
14 seventy of the public health law, and a report of such test indicating
15 the locations where lead-based paint has been detected, if any. Such
16 testing shall not be valid unless performed by a person accredited
17 pursuant to section thirteen hundred seventy-five of the public health
18 law. A copy of such certificate shall be filed with the department of
19 health.

20 (b) The presentation of a certificate of such testing by a prior owner
21 of said property and evidence of filing such certificate and report with
22 the department of health shall be deemed to be in compliance with the
23 provisions of this subdivision.

24 (c) In the event the transferor or grantor has not received from a
25 prior owner a certification and report of such tests as set forth in
26 this subdivision, the costs of testing for lead-based paint and the
27 preparation of a certificate and report thereof as provided in this
28 subdivision shall be deductible by the transferor or grantor, up to the
29 amount of five hundred dollars, or in a building with more than one
30 dwelling unit up to four hundred dollars per dwelling unit tested, from
31 the taxes imposed by sections fourteen hundred two and fourteen hundred
32 two-a of the tax law.

33 2. Any provision in a purchase offer, contract of sale, lease, offer
34 to lease, or any other document related to the transfer of an interest
35 in real property that purports to waive any right created under state or
36 federal law for the purchaser, tenant, or transferee to conduct a risk
37 assessment or inspection of the property to determine the presence of
38 lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards, or any oral agreement
39 that purports to waive such right, is null and void as against public
40 policy, notwithstanding that such waivers might otherwise be permitted
41 by federal law.

42 § 9. Section 210-B of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-
43 sion 53 to read as follows:

44 53. Lead hazard reduction tax credit. (a) Tax credit for activities
45 resulting in lead-free or lead-contained status. A taxpayer shall be
46 allowed a credit against tax imposed by this article for activities
47 necessary to bring any affected property into lead-free or lead-con-
48 tained status within the meaning of sections thirteen hundred seventy
49 and thirteen hundred seventy-six of the public health law, provided that
50 the taxpayer complies with the documentation requirements of paragraph
51 (d) of this subdivision.

52 (b) Tax credit for multiple dwelling units located within munici-
53 palities of more than one million inhabitants. A taxpayer also shall be
54 eligible for the tax credit under paragraph (a) of this subdivision if a
55 dwelling unit that satisfies all the requirements for an affected prop-
56 erty contained in subdivision two of section thirteen hundred seventy of

1 the public health law but such dwelling unit is located in a city with a
2 population of one million or more. In such case, the taxpayer must
3 comply with equivalent standards in local laws concerning lead hazards
4 that apply to multiple dwellings.

5 (c) Tax credits for certain renovations as part of achieving lead-sta-
6 bilized status. A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against tax imposed
7 by this article for the costs of certain activities necessary to bring
8 any affected property into lead-stabilized status within the meaning of
9 section thirteen hundred seventy-six of the public health law, provided
10 that the expected useful life of such renovations is ten years or more
11 and the taxpayer complies with the documentation requirements of para-
12 graph (d) of this subdivision. The deputy commissioner of health shall
13 promulgate regulations defining those activities necessary to achieve
14 lead-stabilized status with an expected useful life of more than ten
15 years. Taxpayers who have completed renovations of habitable dwelling
16 units contained in multiple dwellings, as defined in section four of the
17 multiple dwelling law in a city of more than one million population also
18 shall be allowed a credit under this subdivision provided that the
19 taxpayer complies with similar standards in local laws concerning lead
20 hazards that apply to multiple dwellings.

21 (d) Documentation required for credit allowance. No credit shall be
22 allowed under paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this subdivision unless the
23 taxpayer provides documentation to the deputy commissioner of health
24 that:

25 (1) the activities described above have been performed by a contractor
26 accredited pursuant to section thirteen hundred seventy-five of the
27 public health law;

28 (2) the affected property was constructed prior to nineteen hundred
29 seventy;

30 (3) the taxpayer has paid for the activities described above; and

31 (4) includes a written certification obtained by the taxpayer from an
32 inspector, accredited pursuant to section thirteen hundred seventy-five
33 of the public health law, that the activities described above have been
34 completed in accordance with all applicable requirements and that
35 either:

36 (A) Where applicable, the affected property or property unit can now
37 be certified as either lead-free or lead-contained under section thir-
38 teen hundred seventy-six of the public health law; or

39 (B) Where applicable, the affected property has undergone renovations
40 that satisfy the requirements established by regulation by the deputy
41 commissioner of health as activities necessary to achieve lead-stabi-
42 lized status with an expected useful life of more than ten years.

43 (e) Amount of credit. The tax credit shall be equal to the amount
44 actually paid for the activities described in this subdivision up to a
45 maximum of three thousand dollars per affected property for a credit
46 allowed under either paragraph (a) or (b) of this subdivision or a maxi-
47 mum of one thousand five hundred dollars for a credit allowed under
48 paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

49 (f) Carry-over of credit. Any amount of tax credit not used in the
50 taxable year of certification may be carried forward and applied to the
51 corporation's tax liability for any one or more of the succeeding five
52 taxable years. The credit may not be applied until all other credits
53 available to the taxpayer for that taxable year have been applied.

54 § 10. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection
55 (ccc) to read as follows:

1 (ccc) Lead-hazard reduction in housing tax credit. (1) Allowance of
2 credit for activities resulting in lead-free or lead-contained status. A
3 taxpayer shall be allowed a credit as provided in this subsection for
4 activities necessary to bring any affected property into lead-free or
5 lead-contained status within the meaning of sections thirteen hundred
6 seventy and thirteen hundred seventy-six of the public health law,
7 provided that the taxpayer complies with the documentation requirements
8 of paragraph four of this subsection.

9 (2) Tax credit for multiple dwelling units located within munici-
10 palities of more than one million inhabitants. A taxpayer also shall be
11 eligible for the tax credit under paragraph one of this subsection if a
12 dwelling unit that satisfies all the requirements for an affected prop-
13 erty contained in subdivision two of section thirteen hundred seventy of
14 the public health law but such dwelling unit is located in a city with a
15 population of one million or more. In such case, the taxpayer must
16 comply with equivalent standards in local laws concerning lead hazards
17 that apply to multiple dwellings.

18 (3) Tax credits for certain renovations as part of achieving lead-sta-
19 bilized status. A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against tax imposed
20 by this article for the costs of certain activities necessary to bring
21 any affected property into lead-stabilized status within the meaning of
22 section thirteen hundred seventy-six of the public health law, provided
23 that the expected useful life of such renovations is ten years or more
24 and the taxpayer complies with the documentation requirements of para-
25 graph four of this subsection. The deputy commissioner of health shall
26 promulgate regulations defining those activities necessary to achieve
27 lead-stabilized status with an expected useful life of more than ten
28 years. Taxpayers who have completed renovations of habitable dwelling
29 units contained in multiple dwellings, as defined in section four of the
30 multiple dwelling law in a city of more than one million population also
31 shall be allowed a credit under this paragraph provided that the taxpay-
32 er complies with similar standards in local laws concerning lead hazards
33 that apply to multiple dwellings.

34 (4) Documentation required for credit allowance. No credit shall be
35 allowed under paragraph one, two or three of this subsection unless the
36 taxpayer provides documentation to the deputy commissioner of health
37 that:

38 (A) the activities described above have been performed by a contractor
39 accredited pursuant to section thirteen hundred seventy-five of the
40 public health law;

41 (B) the affected property was constructed prior to nineteen hundred
42 seventy;

43 (C) the taxpayer has paid for the activities described above; and

44 (D) includes a written certification obtained by the taxpayer from an
45 inspector, accredited pursuant to section thirteen hundred seventy-five
46 of the public health law, that the activities described above have been
47 completed in accordance with all applicable requirements and that
48 either:

49 (i) Where applicable, the affected property can now be certified as
50 either lead-free or lead-contained under section thirteen hundred seven-
51 ty-six of the public health law; or

52 (ii) Where applicable, the affected property has undergone renovations
53 that satisfy the requirements established by regulation by the deputy
54 commissioner of health as activities necessary to achieve lead-stabi-
55 lized status with an expected useful life of more than ten years.

1 (5) The tax credit pursuant to this subsection shall be available to
2 someone who owns and occupies his or her own dwelling unit in the same
3 manner and to the same extent as it is available to the owner of an
4 affected property who leases the premises.

5 (6) Amount of credit. The tax credit shall be equal to the amount
6 actually paid for the activities described in this subsection up to a
7 maximum of three thousand dollars per affected property for a credit
8 allowed under either paragraph one or two of this subsection or a maxi-
9 mum of one thousand five hundred dollars for a credit allowed under
10 paragraph three of this subsection.

11 (7) Application of credit. Any amount of tax credit not used in the
12 taxable year of certification may be carried forward and applied to the
13 individual's tax liability for any one or more of the succeeding five
14 taxable years. The credit may not be applied until all other credits
15 available to the taxpayer for that taxable year have been applied.

16 § 11. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-bb
17 to read as follows:

18 § 99-bb. Residential property lead-based paint hazard abatement
19 revolving loan fund. 1. There is created, as a separate fund within the
20 general fund, a fund to be known as the residential property lead-based
21 paint hazard abatement revolving loan fund. Such fund shall consist of
22 proceeds received from the sale of bonds pursuant to subdivision two of
23 this section, and any sums that the state may from time to time deem
24 appropriate, as well as donations, gifts, bequests, or otherwise from
25 any public or private source, which money is intended to assist owners
26 of residential properties in meeting the standards for either lead-free
27 or lead-contained certification pursuant to section thirteen hundred
28 seventy-six of the public health law, or, for multiple dwellings in
29 cities of one million population or more, compliance with local laws
30 concerning the control of lead-based paint hazards in such multiple
31 dwellings.

32 2. The state shall issue bonds in an amount specified for the purpose
33 of funding the residential property lead abatement revolving loan fund.

34 (a) Any bonds issued or to be issued pursuant to this subdivision
35 shall be subject to all the requirements and conditions established by
36 the state for the sale of bonds.

37 (b) The interest rate and other terms upon which bonds are issued
38 pursuant to this subdivision shall not create a prospective obligation
39 of the state of New York in excess of the amount of revenues that can
40 reasonably be expected from the loan repayments, interest on such loans,
41 and fees that the state of New York can reasonably expect to charge
42 under the provisions of title ten of article thirteen of the public
43 health law.

44 (c) All money received from the sale of bonds shall be deposited into
45 the residential property lead abatement revolving loan fund.

46 3. The comptroller shall contract for the administration and disburse-
47 ment of funding. The deputy commissioner of health shall adopt rules and
48 regulations which provide for the orderly and equitable disbursement and
49 repayment of funds.

50 4. Funds placed in the residential property lead-based paint hazard
51 abatement revolving loan fund shall be made available, at the discretion
52 of the deputy commissioner of health, to the owners of affected proper-
53 ties including those located within municipalities of more than one
54 million inhabitants, and to non-profit organizations for the purpose of
55 bringing affected properties into compliance with the standards for
56 lead-free, lead-contained, or lead-stabilized property status as speci-

1 fied by section thirteen hundred seventy-six of the public health law,
2 or, for multiple dwellings in cities with a population of one million or
3 more, compliance with local laws concerning the control of lead-based
4 paint hazards in such multiple dwellings. An owner of a pre-nineteen
5 hundred seventy property who owns and occupies the dwelling unit shall
6 be eligible for loans under this section in the same manner, and to the
7 same extent, as an owner of an affected property.

8 5. Loans made available under the provisions of this section may be
9 made directly, or in cooperation with other public and private lenders,
10 or any agency, department, or bureau of the federal government or the
11 state.

12 6. The proceeds from the repayment of any loans made for that purpose
13 shall be deposited in and returned to the residential property lead
14 abatement revolving loan fund to constitute a continuing revolving fund
15 for the purposes provided in this section.

16 7. The deputy commissioner of housing and community renewal shall take
17 any action necessary to obtain federal assistance for lead hazard
18 reduction to be used in conjunction with the residential property lead
19 abatement revolving loan fund.

20 § 12. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 302-a of the multiple
21 dwelling law, as added by chapter 911 of the laws of 1965, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 a. A "rent impairing" violation within the meaning of this section
24 shall designate a condition in a multiple dwelling which, in the opinion
25 of the department, constitutes, or if not promptly corrected, will
26 constitute, a fire hazard, a lead-based paint hazard within the meaning
27 of subdivision twenty-seven of section thirteen hundred seventy of the
28 public health law, or a serious threat to the life, health or safety of
29 occupants thereof.

30 § 13. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 305-a of the multiple
31 residence law, as added by chapter 291 of the laws of 1966, is amended
32 to read as follows:

33 a. A "rent impairing" violation within the meaning of this section
34 shall designate a condition in a multiple dwelling which, in the opinion
35 of the state building code council, constitutes, or if not promptly
36 corrected, will constitute, a fire hazard, a lead-based paint hazard
37 within the meaning of subdivision twenty-seven of section thirteen
38 hundred seventy of the public health law, or a serious threat to the
39 life, health or safety of occupants thereof.

40 § 14. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 131-y
41 to read as follows:

42 § 131-y. Supplemental shelter allowance. Every public welfare official
43 shall pay, in addition to the shelter allowance components established
44 by the department pursuant to section one hundred thirty-one-a of this
45 title, a supplemental shelter allowance for units for which the owner
46 has submitted documentation certifying that the dwelling unit is in
47 compliance with subdivision seven of section one hundred forty-three-b
48 of this title. This monthly lead-safe housing supplement shall be in the
49 amount of fifty dollars for efficiency or one-bedroom units; one hundred
50 dollars for two-bedroom units; one hundred fifty dollars for three-bed-
51 room units; and two hundred dollars for units with four or more
52 bedrooms; or such higher amounts as the department may establish by
53 regulation as appropriate to induce landlords in high risk lead-paint
54 poisoning areas to voluntarily remove lead-paint hazards from their
55 units using lead safe work practices. This supplemental shelter allow-
56 ance for lead-safe housing shall be paid for a period of twelve months

1 following the submission of the most recent certification of compliance
2 and shall be renewed for subsequent twelve month periods upon the
3 submission of further certifications of compliance based upon more
4 recent inspections.

5 § 15. Subdivision 2 of section 143-b of the social services law, as
6 added by chapter 997 of the laws of 1962, is amended and a new subdivi-
7 sion 7 is added to read as follows:

8 2. Every public welfare official shall have power to and [~~may~~] shall
9 withhold the payment of any such rent in any case where he has knowledge
10 that there exists or there is outstanding any violation of law in
11 respect to the building containing the housing accommodations occupied
12 by the person entitled to such assistance which is dangerous, hazardous
13 or detrimental to life or health. A report of each such violation shall
14 be made to the appropriate public welfare department by the appropriate
15 department or agency having jurisdiction over violations.

16 7. No state or local agency shall arrange to place a family consisting
17 of a person or persons under seven years of age or a known pregnant
18 woman in any dwelling unit constructed prior to nineteen hundred seven-
19 ty, or, in cities with a population of one million or more, any dwelling
20 unit constructed prior to nineteen hundred sixty, for which rent is paid
21 in any part with state funds unless such dwelling unit has been first
22 inspected by a person accredited pursuant to section thirteen hundred
23 seventy-five of the public health law, and determined to be free of
24 lead-based hazards, as defined by subdivision twenty-seven of section
25 thirteen hundred seventy of the public health law, and unless such agen-
26 cy has first obtained appropriate documentation acceptable to the
27 commissioner that such dwelling unit is in compliance with the require-
28 ments of section thirteen hundred seventy-six of the public health law,
29 or, for multiple dwellings in cities with a population of one million or
30 more, in compliance with local laws concerning the control of lead-based
31 paint hazards in such multiple dwellings. A written report shall be
32 prepared of any inspection performed pursuant to this subdivision and
33 shall be provided to the family.

34 § 16. Section 390-a of the social services law is amended by adding a
35 new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

36 6. No license or registration shall be issued to a child day care
37 center, a family day care home, or a group family day care home and no
38 such registration shall be renewed until it can be demonstrated that
39 those portions of the facility in which such child day care center,
40 family day care home, or group family day care home is located and those
41 portions of such facility that are readily accessible to children in
42 such child day care center, family day care home, or group family day
43 care home, meet the standards for lead-free property status, lead-con-
44 tained property status, or lead-stabilized property status set forth in
45 section thirteen hundred seventy-six of the public health law, or, for
46 multiple dwellings in cities with a population of one million or more,
47 with all local laws concerning the control of lead-based paint hazards
48 that apply to multiple dwelling units where children reside.

49 § 17. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 3441 to
50 read as follows:

51 § 3441. Insurance coverage for lead poisoning. (a) For the purpose of
52 this section, the term "affected property" shall mean a room or group of
53 rooms within a property constructed before nineteen hundred seventy, or
54 constructed before nineteen hundred sixty in cities with a population of
55 one million or more, that form a single independent habitable dwelling
56 unit for occupation by one or more individuals that has living facili-

1 ties with permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking,
2 and sanitation. "Affected property" shall not include:

3 (1) an area not used for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, or sanita-
4 tion, such as an unfinished basement, that is not readily accessible to
5 children under seven years of age;

6 (2) a unit within a hotel, motel, or similar seasonal or transient
7 facility unless such unit is occupied by one or more persons at risk
8 for a period exceeding thirty days;

9 (3) an area which is secured and inaccessible to occupants;

10 (4) housing for the elderly, or a residential property designated
11 exclusively for persons with disabilities; except this exemption shall
12 not apply if a person at risk resides or is expected to reside in the
13 dwelling unit or visits the dwelling unit on a regular basis; or

14 (5) an unoccupied dwelling unit or residential property that is to be
15 demolished, provided the dwelling unit or property will remain unoccu-
16 pied until demolition.

17 For the purpose of this section, the term "affected property" shall
18 not mean any property owned or operated by a unit of federal, state, or
19 local government, or any public, quasi-public, or municipal corporation,
20 but does include privately-owned properties that receive governmental
21 rental assistance.

22 (b) After fourteen months following the effective date of this
23 section, no insurer licensed or permitted by the department to provide
24 liability coverage to rental property owners shall exclude, except as
25 otherwise provided by this section, an affected property covered under a
26 policy coverage for losses or damages caused by exposure to lead-based
27 paint. The department shall not permit, authorize or approve any exclu-
28 sion for injury or damage resulting from exposure to lead-based paint,
29 except as specifically provided for in law, that was not in effect as of
30 the effective date of this section, and all previously approved exclu-
31 sions shall terminate on or before fourteen months following the effec-
32 tive date of this section.

33 (c) All insurers issuing liability insurance policies, including
34 commercial lines insurance policies, personal lines insurance policies,
35 and/or any other policies, covering affected properties shall offer
36 coverage for bodily injury caused by exposure to lead-based paint.

37 (d) Rates for the coverage specified in subsection (c) of this section
38 shall be approved by the superintendent using the following standards:

39 (1) Such rates must not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discri-
40 minatory; and

41 (2) In establishing such rates, consideration will be given to:

42 (A) Past and prospective loss experience;

43 (B) A reasonable margin for profits and contingencies;

44 (C) Past and prospective expenses;

45 (D) Such other data as the department may deem necessary;

46 (E) The past history of the owner with regard to lead poisoning or any
47 other liability or violations of ordinances or statutes relating to the
48 affected property or similar properties reasonably believed by the
49 insurer to be relevant; and

50 (F) Compliance with the requirements of either section thirteen
51 hundred seventy-six of the public health law or, for multiple dwellings
52 in cities with a population of one million or more, with all local laws
53 concerning the control of lead-based paint hazards in such multiple
54 dwellings.

55 (e) The department shall determine within two years following the
56 effective date of this section the availability in the state of liabil-

1 ity personal injury/bodily injury coverage described in subsection (b)
2 of this section, and may if such coverage is not generally available,
3 establish a market assistance plan or take other measures to assure the
4 availability of such coverage that offers a liability limit which is at
5 least three hundred thousand dollars or shall require that such coverage
6 be made available through a joint underwriting plan.

7 (f) An owner may not assign liability nor require a tenant to limit or
8 waive liability and any such limit or waiver shall be void as contrary
9 to the public policy of New York state.

10 (g) The superintendent shall, within twelve months after the effective
11 date of this section:

12 (1) Adopt rules for and issue an advisory bulletin to all state
13 licensed, admitted insurers providing liability coverage for property
14 owners regarding their responsibilities under this section; and

15 (2) Adopt rules for and issue an advisory bulletin to all state
16 licensed insurance agents and brokers outlining the provisions of this
17 section and the new requirements for state licensed, admitted insurers.

18 § 18. This act shall take effect immediately.