

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the definition of elevated blood lead levels

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 1370 of the public health law, as  
2 amended by chapter 485 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 6. "Elevated lead levels" means a blood lead level greater than or  
5 equal to [~~ten~~] five micrograms of lead per deciliter of whole blood or  
6 such lower blood lead level as may be established by the department  
7 pursuant to rule or regulation.

8 § 2. (a) Within 90 days after the date on which this act takes effect,  
9 the department of health shall adopt all necessary regulations to define  
10 "elevated lead levels" to mean a blood lead level greater than or equal  
11 to 5 micrograms per deciliter of whole blood, or such lower blood lead  
12 level as the department may establish, to be utilized in its lead  
13 poisoning prevention program. The department shall be authorized to  
14 promulgate regulations on an emergency basis to implement the provisions  
15 of this act.

16 (b) Within 6 months after the date on which the federal department of  
17 health and human services has published guidance recommending a lower  
18 concentration of lead in blood than the concentration established pursu-  
19 ant to section one of this act as the reference level for conducting an  
20 environmental intervention, the department of health shall publish a  
21 notice of proposed rule making to consider the incorporation of such  
22 guidance into its regulations.

23 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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