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Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law and the public health
law, in relation to establishing environmental standards for lead in
ambient air and lead contamination in soils and lead dust on floors
and window sills

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

1 Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds and declares
2 that there is a present need to establish New York standards with
3 respect to lead levels in ambient air and levels of lead contamination
4 in soils and lead dust on floors and window sills. The legislature finds
5 that the current regulatory standards are inadequate to protect the
6 general public and particularly children from the harmful effects of
7 ingesting or inhaling lead dust and coming into contact with lead on
8 exposed surfaces. The legislature declares that it shall be the respon-
9 sibility of the commissioner of environmental conservation, in consulta-
10 tion with the commissioner of health, to adopt standards for lead in
11 ambient air and lead contamination of soil and lead dust on windows and
12 floors, in a manner that would be fully protective of children's health,
13 and in accordance with the procedures set forth in the environmental
14 conservation law.

15 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 3-0301 of the environmental conserva-
16 tion law is amended by adding a new paragraph nn to read as follows:

17 nn. In consultation with the commissioner of health pursuant to subdi-
18 vision thirty-two of section two hundred six of the public health law,
19 and in accordance with paragraph a of subdivision two of this section,
20 the commissioner shall adopt environmental standards and those rules
21 having the force and effect of standards and criteria to carry out the
22 purposes of such standards, which shall require:

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

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1 (1) that areas containing lead contaminated soil shall have levels of
2 lead contamination not greater than what is necessary to be fully
3 protective of human health which shall in no event be greater than one
4 hundred parts per million for bare soil on residential property or on
5 the property of a child occupied facility in a children's play area and
6 in no event be greater than two hundred parts per million for bare soil
7 in the rest of the yard based on soil samples, and in no event greater
8 than one thousand parts per million for areas zoned for commercial
9 and/or industrial development, based on soil samples.

10 (2) that a lead dust hazard as defined in part 40 of the Code of
11 Federal Regulations section 745.101 which is fully protective of human
12 health and shall in no event be greater than five micrograms per square
13 foot on floors and in no event greater than forty micrograms per square
14 foot for window sills; and that clearance standards, as defined in part
15 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 745.223, shall be set at
16 the same levels.

17 (3) that the average ambient air quality standard for lead, calculated
18 as a rolling three month average, shall not be greater than what is
19 necessary to be fully protective of human health and which shall in no
20 event be greater than .075 micrograms per cubic meter.

21 § 3. Section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new
22 subdivision 32 to read as follows:

23 32. The commissioner, upon request of the commissioner of environ-
24 mental conservation, shall consult with such commissioner on the
25 creation and adoption of environmental standards for lead concentrations
26 in lead contaminated soils, lead concentrations on floors and window
27 sills, and lead concentrations in ambient air.

28 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
29 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
30 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
31 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
32 on or before such date.