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HOUSE BILL 690

Short Title: Prevent Lead Poisoning in Children.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Esposito; H. Hunter and Gardner.

Referred to: Human Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF LEAD  
3 POISONING IN CHILDREN.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Article 5 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new Part to read:

7 **“PART 4. LEAD POISONING IN CHILDREN.**

8 **“§ 130A-131. Commission to adopt rules.**

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

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

1           (5) Abatement of lead poisoning hazards in dwellings, schools and day  
2           care facilities in which children less than six years of age live or attend  
3           school or day care.

4           (b) No person may knowingly rent a dwelling or dwelling unit to be occupied by  
5 children less than six years of age which is subject to an order to abate a lead poisoning  
6 hazard. If, when an abatement order is issued, the dwelling or dwelling unit is rented to  
7 or occupied by a family with children under six years of age, the family may not be  
8 evicted for that reason."

9           Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1990, except that the  
10 Commission for Health Services may, upon ratification of this act, adopt rules for the  
11 implementation of this act, which rules shall become effective July 1, 1990.