

SENATE No. 1475

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing the Lead Poisoning Prevention Trust Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John C. Velis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden and Hampshire

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1475) of John C. Velis for legislation to establish the Lead Poisoning Prevention Trust Fund. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act establishing the Lead Poisoning Prevention Trust Fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is
2 amended by adding after Section 197E the following new section:-

3 SECTION 197F. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there
4 shall be a Lead Poisoning Prevention Trust Fund established under the department of housing
5 and community development. The department shall establish and administer a program that
6 provides assistance, including grants, for the abatement of lead paint hazards in residential
7 housing.

8 (b) The department shall establish eligibility standards for participation in the program,
9 including, but not limited to: (1) residential housing units or housing projects consisting of
10 households with incomes up to 100% of the area median income as established by the United
11 States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and (2) housing that serves as a
12 childcare location for children under 6 years of age. Priority of program funds shall be given to

13 abatement projects for housing in which a child who has been determined to have lead poisoning
14 is residing within.

15 (c) All lead abatement performed pursuant to the program must comply with industry
16 standards for lead abatement, including pre-abatement inspection and post-abatement inspection
17 of the housing and other standards established by the Department of Environmental Protection.

18 (d) Amounts credited to said fund shall not be subject to further appropriation and money
19 remaining in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall
20 be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. Funds from private and public sources
21 and appropriations by the general court may be credited to said fund.

22 (e) Not later than October 1, the director of housing and community development and the
23 commissioner shall provide an annual report to the joint committee on public health and the
24 senate and house committees on ways and means providing a description and accounting of the
25 revenue credited to the fund and expenditures made from the fund.