

LEAD ABATEMENT REVISIONS AND CERTIFICATION



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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HOUSE BILL 6343 as Enrolled
Sponsor: Rep. Judith L. Scranton
House Committee: Regulatory Reform

ENROLLED ANALYSIS - 1/23/03
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SUMMARY

House Bill 6343 as ordered enrolled amends the Public Health Code to make revisions to Part 54A of the Code regarding Lead Abatement. The bill adds a new "certified clearance technician" category of certified lead abatement personnel. The bill also updates state lead abatement provisions to conform to federal provisions.

Fiscal Impact:

The bill establishes an annual certification fee of \$50 and an additional initial fee of \$25 for the new category of certified clearance technician. The bill also establishes an accreditation system and fee for training providers for the 8 hour training required to become eligible for certification as a clearance technician. The bill will generate revenue from these fees that will help to support the costs of the certification system. The revenue generated is estimated at \$8,400 annually assuming certification of approximately 100 technicians and accreditation of 8 training providers.

The new category of worker is now the most basic level of trained, certified lead abatement personnel. The availability of this new category of worker may have the fiscal impact of enabling state and federal funds for lead abatement to be more effectively expended in cases where work may be performed by certified clearance technicians rather than lead abatement personnel that are more highly trained and costly.