

1 AN ACT in relation to health.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Lead Poisoning Prevention Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 6.2 and 14 and adding Section 6.3 as
6 follows:

7 (410 ILCS 45/6.2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1306.2)

8 Sec. 6.2. Physicians to screen children.

9 (a) Every physician licensed to practice medicine in all
10 its branches or health care provider shall screen children 6
11 months through 6 years of age for lead poisoning who are
12 determined to reside in an area defined as high risk by the
13 Department. In addition, every such physician or health care
14 provider shall screen girls age 13 or older for lead
15 poisoning if they are determined to reside in an area defined
16 as high risk by the Department. Children residing in areas
17 defined as low risk by the Department shall be assessed for
18 risk by a risk assessment procedure developed by the
19 Department. Children shall be screened, in accordance with
20 guidelines and criteria set forth by the American Academy of
21 Pediatrics, at the priority intervals and using the methods
22 specified in the guidelines.

23 (b) Each licensed, registered, or approved health care
24 facility serving children from 6 months through 6 years of
25 age or girls age 13 or older, including but not limited to,
26 health departments, hospitals, clinics, and health
27 maintenance organizations approved, registered, or licensed
28 by the Department, shall take the appropriate steps to ensure
29 that the patients receive lead poisoning screening, where
30 medically indicated or appropriate.

31 (c) Children 6 years of age and older not otherwise

1 addressed in this Act may also be screened by physicians or
2 health care providers, in accordance with guidelines and
3 criteria set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics,
4 according to the priority intervals specified in the
5 guidelines.

6 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to
7 require any child to undergo a lead blood level screening or
8 test whose parent or guardian objects on the grounds that the
9 screening or test conflicts with his or her religious
10 beliefs.

11 (Source: P.A. 89-381, eff. 8-18-95.)

12 (410 ILCS 45/6.3 new)

13 Sec. 6.3. Screening of persons other than children.

14 (a) Every physician licensed to practice medicine in all
15 its branches or health care provider shall screen women who
16 have been medically diagnosed as pregnant and who are in the
17 first or third trimester of pregnancy for lead poisoning if
18 they are determined to reside in an area defined as high risk
19 by the Department. In addition, every such physician or
20 health care provider shall screen women for lead poisoning
21 when they apply for recertification under the federal Special
22 Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children
23 (WIC) if they are determined to reside in an area defined as
24 high risk by the Department. Women residing in areas defined
25 as low risk by the Department shall be assessed for risk by a
26 risk assessment procedure developed by the Department.

27 (b) Each licensed, registered, or approved health care
28 facility serving women who are pregnant or who are nursing an
29 infant, including, but not limited to, health departments,
30 hospitals, clinics, and health maintenance organizations
31 approved, registered, or licensed by the Department, shall
32 take the appropriate steps to ensure that the patients
33 receive lead poisoning screening when medically indicated or

1 appropriate.

2 (c) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to
3 require any woman to undergo a lead blood level screening or
4 test if the woman objects on the grounds that the screening
5 or test conflicts with her religious beliefs.

6 (410 ILCS 45/14) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1314)

7 Sec. 14. Departmental regulations and activities. The
8 Department shall establish and publish regulations and
9 guidelines governing permissible limits of lead in and about
10 residential buildings and dwellings.

11 The Department shall also initiate activities that:

12 (a) Will either provide for or support the monitoring
13 and validation of all medical laboratories and, private and
14 public hospitals that perform lead determination tests on
15 human blood or other tissues.;

16 (b) Will, subject to Section 7.2 of this Act, provide
17 laboratory testing of blood specimens for lead content, to
18 any physician, hospital, clinic, free clinic, municipality,
19 or private organizations that cannot secure or provide the
20 services through other sources. The Department shall not
21 assume responsibility for blood lead analysis required in
22 programs currently in operation.;

23 (c) Will develop or encourage the development of
24 appropriate programs and studies to identify sources of lead
25 intoxication and assist other entities in the identification
26 of lead in children's blood and the sources of that
27 intoxication.;

28 (c-5) Will ensure that the greatest possible number of
29 at-risk children and women are identified and screened for
30 lead poisoning.

31 (d) May provide technical assistance and consultation to
32 local, county, or regional governmental or private agencies
33 for the promotion and development of lead poisoning

1 prevention programs.

2 (e) Will provide recommendations by the Department on
3 the subject of identification and treatment for lead
4 poisoning.

5 (f) Will maintain a clearinghouse of information and
6 will develop additional educational materials on lead hazards
7 to children, lead poisoning prevention, lead poisoning
8 screening, and lead mitigation, abatement, and disposal, and
9 on health hazards during abatement. The Department shall
10 ensure that these materials are capable of being easily
11 understood by women who are subject to screening under this
12 Act and by parents of children who are subject to screening
13 under this Act. The Department shall make this information
14 available to the general public and in particular to
15 residents of areas defined as high risk by the Department.
16 (Source: P.A. 87-175; 87-1144.)