

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 300
HOUSE BILL 506

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION OF
LEAD POISONING IN CHILDREN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130A-131.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-131.5. Commission to adopt rules.

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

- (1) Reporting by laboratories of elevated blood lead levels in children less than six years of age; the rules shall specify the public health agency to which reports shall be made, and shall establish when a blood lead level is considered to be elevated. The rules shall further provide the specific information to be included in the reports, the time limits for reporting, and the form in which reports shall be submitted;
- (2) Investigation by the Department to determine the source of elevated blood lead levels;
- (3) Identification of lead poisoning hazards;
- (4) Examination and testing of children less than six years of age who are reasonably suspected of having elevated blood lead levels; and
- (5) Abatement of lead poisoning hazards in dwellings, schools and day care facilities in which children less than six years of age live or attend school or day care. determined by the Department to be a potential source of an elevated blood lead level in a child less than six years of age.

(b) Abatement orders issued by the Department pursuant to this section shall require elimination of the lead poisoning hazard. Removal of children from the dwelling, school, or day care facility shall not constitute abatement if the property continues to be used for a dwelling, school, or day care facility."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of June, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives