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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 731, L.D. 976, Bill, "An Act To Require Additional Lead Screening for Children"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1315, sub-§5-C**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. LLLL, §1, is further amended to read:

**5-C. Lead poisoning.** "Lead poisoning" means a confirmed elevated level of blood lead that is injurious, as defined in rules adopted by the department using reference levels no higher than the 97.5th percentile of blood lead levels in children established by a national health and nutrition examination survey adopted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that is equal to or exceeds 5 micrograms per deciliter.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1330** is enacted to read:

**§1330. Report**

The department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters whenever the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention adopts a new blood lead reference level based on the 97.5th percentile of blood lead levels in children established by a national health and nutrition examination survey.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, replaces the bill. It changes the definition of "lead poisoning" in the Lead Poisoning Control Act to mean a confirmed elevated level of blood lead that is equal to or exceeds 5 micrograms per deciliter. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report to the

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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1 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human  
2 services matters when the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for  
3 Disease Control and Prevention changes the reference level at which it recommends  
4 public health actions be taken with respect to blood lead levels in children.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

6 **(See attached)**



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 976

LR 1824(02)

An Act To Require Additional Lead Screening for Children

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A. (H-296)*

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.