

Legislative Bill in Massachusetts to Raise Money for Lead Abatement

The Lead Safe Act will be presented before the Legislature on Tuesday, May 6, 2003 at 10:00 AM in Room A1 at the State House. The Bill was introduced by Mayor Menino and Sponsored by Marie St. Fleur, Co-Sponsors Rep. Scaccia, Sen. Barrios, Rep. Shirley Owens-Hicks, Sen. Tolman, and Sen. Hart.

The Bill would establish a surcharge on the sale of paint and architectural coatings in the Commonwealth. The monies raised would be dedicated to the Lead Paint Assistance Fund to support remediation in homes identified by state and local lead poisoning prevention programs as serious and current threats to children.

We need supporters and people who may want to write letters to support testimony in this area. If you know homeowners who have had problems in qualifying for loans to abate their homes. We want to hear from them! This does not absolve the lead paint industry or companies from liability lawsuits. I will send more information.

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