

Subject Lead Poisoning Prevention Act changes

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Overview

The commissioner of health administers the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act and licenses or certifies individuals and firms to perform certain types of lead work. This bill makes changes to definitions of certain types of lead work in the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act and modifies activities that may be conducted with or without a license or certification to perform lead work.

Summary

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1	Lead hazard reduction.
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Amends § 144.9501, subd. 17. Amends the definition of lead hazard reduction in the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act, to include swab team services. Also specifies that lead hazard reduction does not include: (1) renovation activity that is primarily intended to repair or restore a structure or dwelling instead of abate or control lead paint hazards; or (2) activities that disturb less than 20 square feet on exterior surfaces or less than two square feet in an interior room (similar exceptions are currently found in the definition of regulated lead work and are being replaced by the exceptions in this definition and the definition of renovation).

2	Regulated lead work.
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Amends § 144.9501, subd. 26a. Amends the definition of regulated lead work in the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act, to: (1) add lead hazard reduction to the definition; (2) modify who issues lead orders, to allow them to be issued by a community health board and the commissioner; and (3) strike a paragraph listing actions that do not constitute regulated lead work (these exceptions are being replaced by exceptions being added to the definitions of lead hazard reduction and renovation).

3	Renovation.
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Amends § 144.9501, subd. 26b. Amends the definition of renovation in the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act, to: (1) specify that it means modification of a pre-1978 property for compensation; and (2) specify that renovation does not include activities

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that disturb painted surfaces of less than 20 square feet on exterior surfaces or less than six square feet in an interior room (these exceptions are replacing exceptions currently found in the definition of regulated lead work).

4 Licensing, certification, and permitting.

Amends § 144.9505, subd. 1. Exempts an individual who owns property on which lead hazard reduction is performed, or an adult related to the property owner, from being required to be licensed by the Health Department in order to perform lead hazard reduction (current law allows property owners and relatives to perform any regulated lead work, not just lead hazard reduction, on a property without being licensed). Requires a person that employs individuals to perform any of the listed types of lead work outside of the person's property to be certified as a certified lead firm, and makes a conforming change in a sentence exempting certain individuals from being required to be employed by a certified lead firm if the individual performs certain types of lead work.

5 Certified renovation form.

Amends § 144.9505, subd. 1h. Modifies requirements to obtain certification as a renovation firm, to require certification of any person who performs renovation activities (under current law a person must be certified as a renovation firm if the person employs individuals to perform renovation activities outside the person's property).



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