No. 2774 HOUSE

By Mr. Piro of Somerville, petition of Vincent J. Piro for legislation to establish the testing of certain children for lead poisoning. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TESTING OF YOUNG CHILDREN FOR LEAD POISONING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 110A the following section:-

Section 110B. Every physician or nurse attending a child 3 between the ages of one and five years shall offer the parents or 4

guardians the opportunity for said child to be tested for lead 5

poisoning annually. 6

Such physician or nurse shall cause the report of such test to be 7 entered in the child's immunization record. Immunization forms 8 supplied by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health shall 9 contain five spaces to record the dates of a child's annual lead 10 poisoning test. Such physician or nurse shall further cause the report of such test to be forwarded to the Board of Health of the city or town wherein such child resides if the report indicates the 13 presence of lead poisoning. 14

A lead poisoning test shall become a requirement for a child between the ages of one and five years to enter an educational or 16

17 daycare program supported with public funds.

The lead poisoning control director shall make such rules and 18 regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this 19 20 section

The provisions of this section shall not apply if the parents or 21 22 other lawful guardians of such child object to such testing on the

grounds that such testing conflicts with their religious tenets and 23

24 practices.

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