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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Edwards, Bennett, Solomon, O'Brien, and Biah

Date Introduced: April 17, 2026

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-128.1 of the General Laws entitled "Lead Hazard Mitigation" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-128.1-15. Lead hazard mitigation in building renovations.**

4 (a) Any mill or other building built before the year 1978 that is being renovated for housing,
5 offices or any other purpose shall comply with the provisions of chapter 24.6 of title 23 ("lead
6 poisoning prevention act") and chapter 21 of title 28 ("hazardous substances right-to-know act").

7 (b) Any person or firm performing any renovation project referenced in subsection (a) of
8 this section, shall register the project with the department of labor and training (DLT) prior to
9 beginning any work.

10 (c) Any person or firm performing any renovation project referenced in subsection (a) of
11 this section, shall be or have engaged, a lead contractor as that term is defined in § 23-24.6-4.

12 (d) Any employee of the person or firm performing any renovation project referenced in
13 subsection (a) of this section, shall be required to have a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours of
14 lead worker training in compliance with § 28-21-9.

15 (e) Any person or firm performing any renovation project referenced in subsection (a) of
16 this section shall have a lead work supervisor present and on site for a minimum of forty (40) hours
17 per week.

18 (f) DLT shall have authority to enforce all lead standards and ensure compliance with the
19 provisions of this chapter and with chapter 24.6 of title 23 and chapter 21 of title 28.

1 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the enforcement powers of the
2 attorney general or of any private cause of action authorized by law.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all renovation projects of buildings built before 1978 for housing,
2 offices or any other purpose, to comply with the provisions of chapter 24.6 of title 23, the lead
3 poisoning prevention act and chapter 21 of title 28, the hazardous substances right-to-know act and
4 would require any project of renovation to have a lead inspector, lead training, a lead supervisor
5 and would require that the Rhode Island department of labor and training ensure compliance with
6 these provisions.

7 This act would take effect upon passage.

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