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House of Representatives, February 26, 2019

An Act To Require Additional Lead Screening for Children

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DENK of Kennebunk, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, MEYER of Eliot, PIERCE of Falmouth, RECKITT of South Portland, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1317-D, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 683, §3 and
3 affected by §10, is amended to read:

4 **4. Testing of children not covered by MaineCare program.** The program must
5 require the testing of blood lead levels of all children not covered by the MaineCare
6 program at one year of age ~~and~~ 2 years of age ~~unless, in the professional judgment of the~~
7 ~~provider of primary health care, in conjunction with the use of the lead poisoning risk~~
8 ~~assessment tool, the child's level of risk does not warrant a blood lead level test~~ and 6
9 years of age. The drawing of blood for the testing may be done in the health care
10 provider's office or may be referred to another laboratory.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill amends the Lead Poisoning Control Act to require blood lead level testing of
13 all children not covered by the MaineCare program at one year of age, 2 years of age and
14 6 years of age.