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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

AN ACT
TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR START-UP COSTS OF COMMUNITY
PROGRAMS TO PREVENT RESIDENTIALLY BASED LEAD
POISONING IN CHILDREN

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Lead Evaluation, Abatement, and Detection Center Act.”

SECTION 2. *Grant Program for Start-up Costs of Programs to Prevent Residentially Based Lead Poisoning in Children.* –

(1) IN GENERAL – The Secretary of Health may make grants to public and non-profit private entities for the purpose of assisting such entities in establishing, community programs that provide residential lead-based paint poisoning prevention services at or through single sites.

(2) USE OF GRANTS – A grant under subsection (1) may be expended for the initial costs of providing the single-site facilities (including the acquisition and rehabilitation of facilities), personnel, and equipment for a community program described in such subsection, and for such other costs of establishing the program as the Secretary determines to be appropriate. Such as grant may not be expended to provide the services described in such subsection and may not otherwise be expended to pay the costs of operating such a program.

(3) SERVICES – For purposes of this section, the term “residential lead-based paint poisoning prevention services” means any services appropriate to prevent lead poisoning in infants and children, especially lead poisoning resulting from the presence of lead-based paint in

dwelling units, including conducting risk assessment and inspections in housing, providing for interim control and abatement of lead-based paint hazards in housing.

(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS – For the purpose of carrying out this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provisions or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.