

H.R.4939 - Lead Contamination Control Act of 1988

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Lead Contamination Control Act of 1988 - Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to consider drinking water coolers with lead-lined tanks as imminently hazardous consumer products which must be repaired, replaced, recalled, or refunded by their manufacturers and importers within one year of this Act's enactment.

Requires the EPA to publish and distribute to the States: (1) a list identifying each brand and model of drinking water cooler which is not **lead** free, including each cooler which has a lead-lined tank; and (2) a guidance document and testing protocol to assist schools in determining the source and degree of **lead** contamination in school drinking water supplies and in remedying such contamination. Bans the manufacture or sale of listed drinking water coolers and any other drinking water cooler which is not **lead** free. Establishes criminal and civil penalties for violation of such ban. Requires the States to disseminate the water cooler list and the guidance document and testing protocol to local education agencies (LEAs), private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools, and day care centers.

Directs each State to establish a program, within nine months of this Act's enactment, to assist LEAs in testing for, and remedying, **lead** contamination in school drinking water from coolers and from other sources of **lead** contamination. Requires that testing results be made available for public inspection in LEA administrative offices. Requires that listed coolers be repaired, removed, or rendered inoperable within 15 months of this Act's enactment, unless they are tested and found not to contribute **lead** to drinking water. Directs the EPA to make grants to States for such programs. Authorizes appropriations for such grant program through FY 1991.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to State and local governments for the initiation and expansion of community programs designed to: (1) screen infants and children for elevated blood **lead** levels; (2) assure referral for treatment of, and environmental intervention for, infants and children with such blood **lead** levels; and (3) provide education about childhood **lead** poisoning. Requires that grant priority be given to programs which will serve areas with a high incidence of elevated blood levels in infants and children. Directs the Secretary to report annually to the Congress on the effectiveness of such programs. Authorizes appropriations for such grant program through FY 1991.

Directs the EPA to: (1) assure that drinking water testing laboratory certification programs certify only those laboratories which provide reliable accurate testing; and (2) publish a list of certified laboratories.