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H.736 – An act relating to lead poisoning prevention

As passed the House

Sec. 1 modifies accreditation, license, permit, notification, registration, and administrative fees in 18 V.S.A. Ch. 38, relating to lead poisoning prevention. There are currently training program and licensing fees set in statute under §1753. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certifies all renovators that perform maintenance covered within its Lead Renovation, Repair, Painting (RRP) rule. The VT Department of Health (VDH) has submitted a request to the EPA to become an “authorized state” for the purposes of issuing RPP certifications. The EPA is expected to issue a state certification to Vermont in October 2019.

According to VDH, there will be no new costs or fees collected in SFY 2019 as the bill would not go into effect until after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued the certification in October 2019 (SFY 2020). Once the State RRPM¹ program is implemented, it is anticipated that any administrative costs associated with implementation of the program will be covered by new fees, which are the same fees being currently paid to the EPA by the regulated parties. The following are the estimated revenues once the new fees go into effect:

- Lead-Safe RRPM Training Course Accreditation = 12 Courses @ \$560.00 = \$6,720 (Renewal required every 4 years, renewal fee of \$340.00)
- Lead-Safe RRPM Firm Licenses = 600 firms @ \$300.00 = \$180,000 (Renewal required every 5 years)
- Lead-Safe RRPM Supervisor Licenses = Est. 3,000 licenses @ \$50.00 = \$150,000 (annually)
- Lead-Safe Renovation Project Permit Fees = Est. 100 permits @ \$50.00 = \$5,000 (annually)

In addition, it is expected the EPA will provide the state with a grant to help cover start-up costs.

¹ RRPM = Renovation, Repair, Painting and Maintenance program that pertains to projects that disturb lead-based paint and target housing and child-occupied facilities.