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Legislative Impact Statement

To: Robert E. Craven, Chair House Judiciary Committee
From: Elisabeth Hubbard, Executive Secretary
Re: House 5906 AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT – LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

The Governor's Commission on Disabilities' Legislation Committee has developed a Legislative Impact Statement on the bill listed below. The Commission would be pleased to present testimony to the committee. Please contact me (462-01110) if testimony is desired or for additional information.

This bill would make it easier for a property owner to release funds placed into an escrow account if it is needed to make repairs or improvements.

The Commission finds this bill beneficial.

This bill would allow the Court to release funds placed in escrow if that money would be used for lead hazard mitigation. It would also allow a tenant to access the funds if they are to be used for lead mitigation. We find this bill beneficial as it would enable landlords and tenants to make these repairs. Lead poisoning leads to sickness and disability in children and adults. Enabling more lead mitigation will help to prevent more children from becoming disabled in the future as a result of lead exposure.

It would also be of greater benefit to smaller landlords who may not have the cash reserves necessary to perform the mitigation repairs.