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**CHAPTER 246**

**THE LEAD PAINT (PROTECTION AGAINST  
POISONING) ACT**

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**LEAD PAINT (PROTECTION AGAINST POISONING)**

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**1.** This Act may be cited as the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Act. **Short title.**

**2.** In this Act—

**Interpretation.**

"lead paint" means any paint, paste, spray, stopping, filling, or other material used in painting which, when treated in a manner prescribed by regulations made by the Cabinet, yields to an aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid, a quantity of soluble lead compound exceeding when calculated as lead monoxide, five per cent of the dry weight of the portion taken for analysis;

"building" includes fixtures;

"young person" means a person who in the opinion of a magistrate is under the age of sixteen years.

**Regulations as to  
use of lead paint.**

**3.** The Cabinet may make regulations for preventing danger from lead paint to persons employed in or in connection with the painting of buildings, and in particular—

(a) for prohibiting the use of any lead compound except in the form of paste or paint ready for use;

(b) for the prevention of danger arising from the application of lead paint in the form of spray;

(c) for prohibiting dry rubbing down and scraping;

(d) for providing for the periodical medical examination of persons employed in or in connection with painting with lead paint, and for the suspension from such employment of persons whose health is or appears likely to be injuriously affected thereby;

(e) for securing that facilities for washing during, and on cessation of, work are afforded to persons employed in or in connection with painting;

(f) for the use of protective clothing by persons so employed and for preventing clothes left off during work from being soiled by paint;

(g) for the distribution to persons so employed of instructions with regard to hygienic precautions to be taken.

**Prohibition of  
employment of  
women and  
young persons.**

**4.** It shall not be lawful to employ any woman or young person in painting any part of a building with lead paint.

**Penalties.**

**5.** Any person contravening the provisions of this Act, or any regulations made under the authority thereof, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars for each offence.

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