**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FISCAL NOTE**

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| **BILL:** | **HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 70** |
| **SPONSOR:** | **Representative Harris** |
| **DESCRIPTION:** | **AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LEAD-BASED PAINT.** |

## Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon the Governor's signature. Following signature, §5410 of Title 25, as contained in Section 1 of this Act, will be implemented immediately, with the remainder of the Act implemented beginning March 1, 2027.

2. This Act creates the Lead-Based Paint Remediation Certification Committee and requires the committee to conduct a feasibility study to be completed and submitted by March 1, 2026, a year before the remainder of the Act will be enforced.

3. This Act also establishes the Lead-based Paint Hazard Control Grant and Loan Program to assist small property owners with the cost of obtaining the required lead-free or lead-safe certificate, complying with remediation or abatement, and/or paying for alternative housing when required. However, the feasibility study will include a recommendation detailing the predicted demand for loans or grants through this program, so until the study is completed, the funding needs to support remediation activities of the Grant and Loan Program are indeterminable.

4. If the feasibility study deems the Department of Health and Social Services' Division of Public Health (DPH) to be an appropriate Division to be responsible for the oversight and administration of the Lead-based Paint Hazard Control Grant and Loan Program, the DPH is assumed to require additional staff and funding resources, including initial start-up costs of database and tracking system to monitor remediation and abatement activities. However, until the feasibility study is completed, and the overall size and scope of the program is determined, these costs are indeterminable.

5. House Bill No. 226, the Fiscal Year 2026 One-Time Supplemental Appropriation Act, allocates funding in the amount of $1,350,000 to support Residential Lead Remediation. Upon enactment, it is assumed these funds may be used for the potential costs described in this analysis.

## Cost:

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| Fiscal Year 2026: | Not applicable |
| Fiscal Year 2027: | Indeterminable |
| Fiscal Year 2028: | Indeterminable |

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