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## **An Act To Require the Department of Transportation To Use 3rd-party Certified Examiners for Lead Inspections**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4245** is enacted to read:

### **§ 4245. Third-party lead inspection**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Lead inspection" means a surface-by-surface assessment to determine the presence of lead-based paint.
- B. "Lead inspector" means a person licensed or certified by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Title 38, chapter 12-B to conduct lead inspections.
- C. "State lead inspector" means a lead inspector employed by the department to conduct lead investigations.
- D. "Third-party lead inspector" means a lead inspector who is not a state lead inspector.

**2. Contract with 3rd-party lead inspector.** The department shall enter into a contract with a 3rd-party lead inspector to conduct a lead inspection for each project to construct, demolish or maintain transportation infrastructure.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to enter into a contract with a 3rd-party lead inspector to conduct a lead inspection for each project to construct, demolish or maintain transportation infrastructure.