

SENATE, No. 317

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Requires financial institution that has foreclosed on property to remove water service lines that contain lead.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning removal of lead pipes from certain foreclosed
2 properties and supplementing P.L.1995, c.244 (C.2A:50-53 et
3 seq.).

5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a financial institution that knows or has reason to know that a property on which the institution has foreclosed has lead water service lines shall remove all lead water service lines, except for any lines that are owned and the responsibility of the appropriate utility service prior to selling or otherwise conveying the property.

15 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all
16 properties on which financial institutions foreclose on or after the
17 date of enactment.

20 STATEMENT

22 This bill requires financial institutions that have foreclosed on a
23 property to replace all lead water service lines on the property that
24 are not owned and the responsibility of the appropriate utility
25 service. Second to paint, the leading source of lead in young
26 children is from contaminated water. Lead can be harmful to all
27 age groups, but is particularly harmful to children and infants. This
28 bill would prevent continuous exposure to lead from privately
29 owned lead water service lines.