

Legislative Analysis



BAN LINDANE TREATMENTS EXCEPT IN DOCTORS' OFFICES

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House Bill 4402

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Committee: Great Lakes and Environment

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4402 AS INTRODUCED 2-24-09

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to make it unlawful to sell, give away, use, or prescribe any product used for the treatment of lice or scabies in human beings that contains the pesticide chemical lindane. If, however, a person's doctor considered it necessary, the doctor could obtain lindane and treat the person with it in the doctor's office under his or her supervision.

Penalty. A violation of the sale or use of ban on lindane except in doctors' offices would constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$5,000. A person violating the lindane ban could also be charged with any other violation of law committed while selling or using the lindane product.

The bill would amend Article 12 of the Public Health Code (Environmental Health) and create a new Part 140, entitled "Adulterated Consumer Products."

MCL 333.14001

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill has fiscal implications for state and local government only in the event of violations of the provisions of the new Part 140, which could affect law enforcement, and the judicial and corrections systems. The fiscal impact is indeterminate due to the uncertainty in the number of violations. Any fine revenue received for a violation of this section would go to the support of public libraries and county law libraries.

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