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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HOUSE BILL 4599 H-1

Sponsor: Rep. Jack Minore

First House Committee: Commerce

FLOOR ANALYSIS - 2/11/02

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SUMMARY

This bill would prohibit the sale or distribution of nonprescription mercury-filled thermometers. The Department of Environmental Quality would be required to enforce the bill's provisions.

There would be increased costs for the Department. The actual budget impact would depend on the number of inspectors assigned to field offices. The \$1,000 fine for violation of these provisions would be provided to local governments to support public libraries.