



**House  
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Analysis  
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**REQUIRE LABELING OF AND  
PHASE-OUT LEAD CANDLES AND  
CANDLEWICKS**

**House Bill 4446**

**Sponsor: Rep. Chris Kolb**

**Committee: Commerce**

**Complete to 7-26-01**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4446 AS INTRODUCED 3-8-01**

House Bill 4446 would add a new part to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit the sale, offering for sale, or offering for promotional purposes of candlewicks that contain lead or a lead compound or a candle that has such a candlewick. The prohibition would take effect one year after the act's effective date. Beginning 60 days after the act's effective date, a person could not sell, offer for sale, or offer for promotional purposes a candle with a candlewick that contains lead or a lead compound unless the candle was clearly labeled with a warning of the candlewick's contents. A person who violated the bill's provisions would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 60 days or a fine of up to \$1,000, or both; the person would also have to pay the costs of prosecution.

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