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Legislative Document

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S. P. 134 Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary Presented by Senator Stuart of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Require Fluoridation of Water Supplies Used for Public Purposes.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 2435, repealed and replaced. Section 2435 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 2435. —Authorization

Any person, firm, corporation, municipality or other agency having jurisdiction over a water supply system for public purposes as defined by the Commissioner of Health and Welfare, whether publicly or privately owned or operated, shall adjust the quantities of fluoride ion in the said water system so as to maintain a fluoride ion content as required and ordered by the Commissioner of Health and Welfare. The maintenance of this fluoride ion content will be referred to as fluoridation.

The Commissioner of Health and Welfare shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations relating to the fluoridation of said water supplies which shall include, but not be limited to, the following: The means by which the fluoride content is to be controlled; the equipment, installations and procedures by which fluoridation is to be accomplished and conducted; the methods and frequency of testing the fluoride content and the records to be kept relating to fluoridation. The commissioner shall order the fluoridation of all water systems supplying municipalities on or before January 1, 1970. Said orders shall specify the date on which fluoridation is to be in effect in each instance, and said order shall also provide at least 6 month's notice of said date of effectiveness.