

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 753

H. P. 540

House of Representatives, February 10, 1971

Speaker laid before the House and on motion of Mrs. Payson of Falmouth, referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Payson of Falmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Require Fluoridation of Some Public Water Supplies.

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R. S., T. 22, § 2435, repealed and replaced. Section 2435 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following sections enacted in place thereof:

§ 2435. —Authorization

Wherever the fluoride content of public water supplies serving 1,000 or more persons supplies less than $\frac{8}{10}$ of a milligram per liter of fluoride, the person, firm, corporation or municipality having jurisdiction over the supply shall add a measured amount of fluoride to the water so as to maintain a fluoride content of between $\frac{8}{10}$ of a milligram per liter and $1\frac{2}{10}$ milligrams per liter, such adjustment of fluorides to start not later than January 1, 1973.

§ 2435-A. —Rules and regulations

The Commissioner of Health and Welfare shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations relating to the fluoridation of said public 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 methods and frequency of testing the fluoride content and the records to be kept relating to fluoridation.

§ 2435-B. —Exception

Bottled waters shall not be considered to be used for public purposes.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would require the addition of fluoride to all water supplies in Maine serving over 1,000 people where the fluoride content is presently less than $\frac{8}{10}$ of a milligram per liter, but not to water supplies with more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of a milligram per liter.