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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1282

House of Representatives, March 28, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Nagarian of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Require Certain Adjustments in the Fluoride
Content of Some Public Water Supplies.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 2435, repealed and replaced. Section 2435 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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

Whenever 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, 1974.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 22, §§ 2435-A and 2435-B, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections, 2435-A and 2435-B to read as follows:

§ 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.