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Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Senter of Brunswick

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Fluoride in Public Water Supplies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 122-B, amended. Section 122-B of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 131 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 122-B. Fluoride in public waters; rules and regulations. No ~~municipality, water district, individual or any agency~~ public utility operating a public water supply shall add any fluoride to any such water supply without written approval of the department of health and welfare. The department is authorized to make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, §§ 122-C - 122-D, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 122-C and 122-D, to read as follows :

'Sec. 122-C. Fluoride in public waters; authorization. No such public utility shall add any fluoride to any such water supply without first having been authorized to do so by a majority vote of the legislative body of each city and a majority vote of the inhabitants present at an annual or special town or plantation meeting of each town or plantation situated within the

territory served by it. The public utilities commission, upon application, shall determine and allocate the cost of such fluoridation among such municipal corporations, and shall from time to time review such determination and allocation as required.

Sec. 122-D. Fluoride in public waters; liability. No such public utility which shall add fluoride to any such water supply in accordance with the provisions of sections 122-B and 122-C of this chapter shall be liable for any injury or damage resulting therefrom, except such as is caused by the negligence of its officers, agents or employees.'