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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Fluoride in Public Water Supplies.

Be it 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 ~~mu-
nicipality, water district, individual or any agency~~ public utility or other agency 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, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 122-C, to read as follows:

'Sec. 122-C. Fluoride in public waters; authorization. No such public utility or agency shall add any fluoride to any such water supply without first having been authorized to do so by the municipality or municipalities served by it. In the case of a city, such authorization shall be by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at a regular or special election. In the case

of a town or plantation, such authorization shall be by a majority vote of the inhabitants present at an annual town or plantation meeting. In the case of a public utility or agency serving more than 1 municipality, such authorization shall be by a majority vote of the voters voting at such city election and a majority vote of the inhabitants present at an annual town or plantation meeting of each town or plantation served by such public utility or agency; provided, however, that authorization by municipalities representing 80% of the customers served by such public utility or agency shall be sufficient. The public utilities commission, upon application, shall determine and allocate the cost of such fluoridation among the customers of such public utility or agency and shall from time to time review such determination and allocation as required.'