

HOUSE No. 6224

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Daly of Wellesley, for a Bill relative to the fluoridation of the water supply of cities and towns (House, No. 5787). September 15.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FLUORIDATION OF THE WATER SUPPLY OF CITIES, TOWNS AND WATER DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section 8C of chapter 111
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 548 of
3 the acts of 1968, is hereby amended by striking out the last
4 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —
5 No such order shall be effective until ninety days after it has
6 been published in a newspaper having a general circulation in
7 such city or town, or a vote has been taken in accordance with
8 the provisions of this section, whichever is the latest.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 8C of said chapter 111 is hereby
2 further amended by striking out the third paragraph, as so
3 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following para-
4 graph: —

5 In any city, town or district where the board of health has
6 ordered the upward adjustment of the fluoride content of the
7 water supply under the provisions of this section, upon petition
8 of ten per cent of the registered voters of said city, town or
9 district filed in the office of the city or town clerk, as the case
10 may be within ninety days of the publication of such order, the
11 following question shall be placed upon the official ballot to be
12 used at the next regular city election or for the election of town
13 officers at the next annual town meeting or at a biennial state
14 election, whichever occurs first: — "Shall the fluoridation of the

15 public water supply for domestic use in (this city) (this town) be
16 continued?", or in such district the following question shall be
17 placed before the next annual meeting of the inhabitants of the
18 district: — "Shall the fluoridation of the public water supply for
19 domestic use in this district be continued?" If the majority of
20 votes in answer to said question is in the negative the fluoridation
21 of the water supply of such city, town or district shall be
22 discontinued, and the question of fluoridation of such water
23 supply shall not be submitted again to the voters for a period of
24 at least two years from the date of such vote.