

1 H.675

2 Introduced by Representatives Burtt of Cabot, Dobrovich of Williamstown,
3 and North of Ferrisburgh

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Conservation and development; public water supply; fluoridation;
7 prohibition

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a
9 person from adding fluoride to drinking water provided by a public water
10 system. The bill also would prohibit a municipality from enacting an
11 ordinance or other provision that requires or permits fluoride to be introduced
12 into a public water system that the municipality or a subdivision of the
13 municipality administers, maintains, or operates. In addition, the bill would
14 prohibit a school from providing fluoride to a student as a supplement or
15 medicine.

16 An act relating to prohibiting the fluoridation of public water supplies

17 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

18 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1671 is amended to read:

19 § 1671. DEFINITIONS

20 As used in this chapter:

6 (2) "Department" means the Department of Environmental
7 Conservation.

13 (4) "Public water source" means any surface water or groundwater
14 supply used as a source of drinking water for a public water system.

15 (5)(A) "Public water system" means any system, or combination of
16 systems owned or controlled by a person, that provides drinking water through
17 pipes or other constructed conveyances to the public and that:

18 (i) has at least 15 service connections; or

19 (ii) serves an average of at least 25 individuals for at least 60 days

20 a year.

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7 (14) "Fluoride" means a chemical compound that contains the fluoride
8 ion and is used to fluoridate drinking water, including:

12 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 1673 is amended to read:

13 § 1673. PROHIBITIONS

14 (a) A person shall not alter, expand, or otherwise modify an existing public
15 water system or public water source without a permit from the Secretary.

16 (b) A person shall not construct a new public water system or public water
17 source or change an existing water system or source into a public water system
18 or public water source without a permit from the Secretary.

19 (c) A person shall not operate a public water system or public water source
20 without a permit from the Secretary.

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8 (g)(1) A person shall not add fluoride to drinking water provided by a
9 public water system.

10 (2) Notwithstanding authority to the contrary, a municipality shall not
11 enact an ordinance or other provision that requires or permits fluoride to be
12 introduced into a public water system that the municipality or a subdivision of
13 the municipality administers, maintains, or operates.

14 Sec. 3. 16 V.S.A. § 1390 is added to read:

15 § 1390. FLUORIDE SUPPLEMENTATION; PROHIBITION

16 (a) As used in this section:

17 (1) “Fluoride” means a chemical compound that contains the fluoride
18 ion and is used to fluoridate drinking water, including:

19 (A) fluorosilicic acid;

20 (B) sodium fluorosilicate; or

21 (C) sodium fluoride.

1 (2) “School” means a public or approved independent school and
2 extends to school-sponsored activities and school-related programs.

3 (3) “School nurse” means a school nurse or associate school nurse
4 endorsed by the Agency of Education pursuant to the Licensing of Educators
5 and the Preparation of Educational Professionals rule (CVR 22-000-010) or
6 registered nurses licensed through the Office of Professional Regulation and
7 contracted to perform the duties of a school nurse.

8 (b)(1) A school shall not provide fluoride to a student as a supplement,
9 including as a tablet, liquid, or rinse.

10 (2) A school nurse or any other person employed by or volunteering for
11 the school shall not provide fluoride to a student as a medicine.

12 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage.