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AN ACT

1 Providing for fluoridation of public water.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Community
6 Water Fluoridation Act.

7 Section 2. Purpose.

8 Because community water fluoridation is lauded by the Centers
9 for Disease Control as one of the ten most significant public
10 health achievements of the 20th century, it is the purpose of
11 this act to provide this preventive measure that will reduce
12 dental disease and contain health care costs. This act will
13 benefit all Pennsylvanians, especially those who do not have
14 regular dental care. This act will also help to reduce the
15 52,000,000 hours lost by children who miss school due to
16 toothaches and other oral health complications.

17 Section 3. Fluoride content of water.

1 Whenever the fluoride content of water served by public water
2 suppliers to 500 domestic water connections or more is less than
3 0.7 milligrams per liter of fluoride, the person, association,
4 firm, corporation, authority or municipality having jurisdiction
5 over the supply shall add a measured amount of fluoride to the
6 water so as to maintain a fluoride content of between 0.7
7 milligrams per liter and 1.2 milligrams per liter, in accordance
8 with regulations adopted by the Department of Environmental
9 Protection in consultation with the Department of Health, and at
10 a level recommended by the United States Public Health Service
11 and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Department of
12 Environmental Protection shall enforce this act commencing one
13 year after the effective date of this act.

14 Section 4. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 120 days.