



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 1326

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. ANWAR of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FOOD SAFETY AND ORAL HEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 A water company, as defined in section 25-32a, shall add a measured
4 amount of fluoride to the water supply of any water system that it owns
5 and operates and that serves twenty thousand or more persons so as to
6 maintain an average monthly fluoride content [that is not more or less
7 than 0.15 of a milligram per liter different than the United States
8 Department of Health and Human Services' most recent
9 recommendation for optimal fluoride levels in drinking water to
10 prevent tooth decay] of 0.7 of a milligram per liter, provided said
11 average monthly fluoride content shall not deviate greater or less than
12 0.15 of a milligram per liter.

13 Sec. 2. Section 19a-36h of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

15 (a) Not later than January 1, 2023, the commissioner shall adopt and
16 administer by reference the United States Food and Drug
17 Administration's Food Code [, as amended from time to time,] and any
18 revision thereto issued on or before December 31, 2024. The
19 commissioner may adopt any Food Code Supplement published by said
20 administration as the state's food code for the purpose of regulating
21 food establishments.

22 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
23 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section and
24 sections 19a-36i to 19a-36m, inclusive.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-38
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	19a-36h

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Municipal Water Companies	Potential Cost/Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill, which makes technical changes regarding water fluoridation standard levels and procedural changes related to adopting the U.S. Food and Drug Administration model food code, results in no state fiscal impact.

The bill may result in a potential cost or savings to municipal water companies beginning in FY 26 to the extent the bill requires more or less fluoride to be added to the water.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1326*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FOOD SAFETY AND ORAL HEALTH.*****SUMMARY**

This bill sets in law the amount of fluoride that water companies must add to the water supply, rather than requiring the amount to be tied to federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recommendations as under current law. In doing so, it maintains the current required level.

Specifically, it requires water companies to add enough fluoride to maintain an average monthly fluoride content of 0.7 milligrams per liter (mg/L) (the current HHS recommendation), within a range of 0.15 mg/L greater or lower than this amount. As under current law, the bill applies to water systems that serve 20,000 or more people.

The bill also makes changes affecting the state's adoption of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) food code. Existing law requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner to adopt the FDA Food Code as the state's food code for regulating food establishments, and DPH regulations doing so took effect in early 2023. The bill requires the commissioner to adopt into the state code any FDA code revision issued by December 31, 2024. It gives her the discretion to adopt into the state code other supplements to the federal code, rather than requiring her to as under current law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 6 (03/12/2025)