



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1326

LCO No. 4678



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***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 Section 19a-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 Section 19a-36h of the general statutes is repealed and the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:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-38
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	19a-36h

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) increase the average monthly fluoride content of water systems, and (2) require the Commissioner of Public Health to adopt and administer by reference the United States Food and Drug Administration's Food Code and any revision thereto issued on or before December 31, 2024.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]