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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Bill Analysis

Hearing Date: March 6, 1985

Water Filtration Plants

H. 227

Petition of the Department of Public Health providing for fluoridation of drinking water filtration plants.

This bill would require all drinking water filtration plants constructed with state funds after January 1, 1984 to be fluoridated at a level to be assessed and recommended by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health.

By leaving the decision of fluoride content adjustment with the Commissioner, these new facilities would not be subject to the current statute which allows the local board of health of a city or town to make these determinations. Under the current law as well, registered voters in a locality may contest the board of health's decisions by referendum.

This bill is a refile of last year's H. 167 which the Committee reported out favorably. However, it died after being ordered for a third reading.

HR #227 was reported "favorably" out of the Health Care Committee by a vote of 10-7 as of March 11, 1985.

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