
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5764

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, T. Sheldon, Swecker, Winsley, Rasmussen and Franklin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fluoridation of public water systems; adding a
2 new section to chapter 43.20 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring
3 an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is in the
6 public interest that prior to the fluoridation of a group A water
7 system as defined in RCW 70.119.020, the customers of the water system
8 or the elected local water system governing body or operator directly
9 responsible to the department of health for utility operations should
10 make the final decision on the addition of fluoride to the water
11 system.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 The addition of fluoridation compounds to water provided by a group
15 A water system as defined in RCW 70.119.020 not adding fluoridation
16 compounds as of the effective date of this act shall be permitted only
17 upon an affirmative vote of:

18 (1) The water system's customers; or

1 (2) The water system's elected local governing body or operator
2 directly responsible to the department for utility operations.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
6 immediately.

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