HOUSE . . . . . No. 3622

By Representative Costello of Newburyport and Senator Baddour, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3622) of Michael A. Costello (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the city known as the town of Amesbury be authorized to place on the ballot in the current year a question on fluoridation of the public water supply in said city. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An act authorizing the town of Amesbury to place a certain question relative to the fluoridation of the public water supply on the town's election ballot.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 8C of chapter 111 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Amesbury is hereby authorized to include on the ballot for the November 8, 2011 town election the following question: “Shall the public water supply for domestic use in the Town of Amesbury continue to be fluoridated?”

If the majority of votes in answer to this question is in the negative, the water supply of the town of Amesbury shall not be fluoridated, and the fluoridation of the water supply shall not be ordered again by the board of health for a period of at least 2 years from the date of that vote.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 42C of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, if this act is not in effect on or before October 4, 2011, inclusion on the November 8, 2011 election ballot of the question set forth in section 1 of this act, including all acts taken in reliance thereon and with respect thereto, shall be ratified, validated and confirmed as if this act had been in place prior thereto.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.