

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2196

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a fluoride task force.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2196) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a fluoride task force. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act establishing a fluoride task force.

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

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, there shall be a  
2 task force to comprehensively study both the benefits and costs of water supply fluoridation in  
3 the Commonwealth. The task force shall consist of ten members: 3 of whom shall be designated  
4 by the Governor who individually or collectively shall have expertise in health risk assessment,  
5 cost benefit analysis and financial risk management, one of whom shall be designated and serve  
6 as chair; 2 of whom shall be designated by the senate president, at least one of whom shall have  
7 expertise in economics and health care costs, and at least one of whom is a credentialed public  
8 water treatment expert with experience in fluoridation and have expertise in wastewater impact  
9 on ecosystems and/or health risks from environmental exposures; 1 of whom shall be designated  
10 by the senate minority leader, who represents the constituency with medical contraindications to  
11 fluoride consumption; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of health and human services or their  
12 designee; 2 of whom shall be designated by the speaker of the house, one of whom shall have  
13 expertise in the impact of environmental exposure during pregnancy and/or infancy on health

14 and one of whom shall represent environmental justice communities; 1 of whom shall be  
15 designated by the house minority leader, who shall be a member of the International Academy of  
16 Oral Medicine and Toxicology.

17 The task force shall file a report containing its findings and recommendations, including  
18 legislation necessary to carry out its recommendations, with the clerks of the senate and the  
19 house of representatives, and the senate and house committees on ways and means not later than  
20 July 1, 2019.