## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 827**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Higgins, (BY REQUEST)

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 relative to fluoridation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:DATE ADDED:Karen Spencer1/18/2023

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By Representative Higgins of Leominster (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 827) of Karen Spencer for legislation to further regulate fluoridation of public water supplies. Environment and Natural Resources.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act relative to fluoridation.

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

- Strike the "by local boards; advice of commissioner; election; discontinuance" in the title of Chapter 111 Section 8C
- Add "ban on community water fluoridation schemes" to the title, so that it reads as
- 4 follows:

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- 5 Fluoridation of public water supplies; ban on community water fluoridation schemes
- Replace text of existing law (Chapter 111, Section 8C) with the following text:
- 9 Based on the robust body of science documenting ill effects from even low-dose fluoride 10 exposure for a significant portion of the population including pregnant women, bottle-fed babies,

young children, the elderly and many in fragile health; conflicting federal regulations regarding the use of fluoridation chemicals; the questionable ethics of medicating a portion of the population against their will including those with medical reason to avoid fluoride; and concerns about the biomagnification of fluoridation chemicals and tramp contaminants in our environment, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts bans the addition of any fluoride water products to any and all public water supplies. Existing artificial fluoridation schemes targeting municipal water supplies must be discontinued within ten (10) days of the ratification of this law.

As those who do not believe the natural fluoride concentration in drinking water supplies or topical use of fluoridated dental products are sufficient for their needs are free to purchase fluoridated water for personal use, this law protects the individual civil rights of all residents.