

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

Bill No. H2449
Title: *An Act providing municipalities to opt out of fluoridation treatments*
Sponsor: Representative Natalie M. Higgins (By Request)
Committee: Public Health
Hearing Date: June 11, 2025
Similar Matters: S1575/S1630
Prior History: New file
Reporting Deadline: August 10, 2025

Current Law:

- **M.G.L. Chapter 111** pertains to public health.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 111 § 8C** pertains to the fluoridation of public water supplies by local boards.

Summary:

This bill amends Section 8C of M.G.L. Chapter 111 by specifying that any town, city or district with artificial fluoridation programs in effect may end those programs through a local ordinance brought forth by the local legislative body. That process is initiated when a petition of at least ten registered voters is presented to the local legislative body.

Additionally, the bill allows local water superintendents or water commissioners with responsibility for ensuring water safety may suspend fluoridation programs at will if the superintendent or commissioners determine that, in their opinion, the water fluoridation program poses a risk to consumers, workers, infrastructure or environment.