

1 HB224
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require a public water
9 system to notify the State Health Officer before
10 initiating any permanent change in the fluoridation
11 status of its water supply.

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT

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17 Relating to public drinking water systems; to
18 require a public water system to notify the State Health
19 Officer before initiating any permanent change in the
20 fluoridation status of its water supply.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. (a) A public water system, as defined in
23 Section 22-23-31, Code of Alabama 1975, that proposes to
24 initiate any permanent change in the fluoridation status of
25 its water supply, including, but not limited to, discontinuing
26 the fluoridation of the water supply or reducing the level of
27 fluoride from an optimal level as defined by the Centers for

1 Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), shall provide written
2 notice to the State Health Officer no fewer than 90 days
3 before initiating the change. Notice shall include the
4 proposed date of the change, reasons for the change, and all
5 communities affected by the change.

6 (b) A public water system that fails to meet the
7 notification requirements of subsection (a) shall resume the
8 fluoridation of its water supply to its previous level until
9 proper notice is provided to the State Health Officer.

10 (c) The notification requirements of subsection (a)
11 do not apply to a temporary discontinuance of fluoridation
12 that is caused by equipment failure, maintenance, or
13 replacement; temporary chemical supply shortages; placing
14 water sources offline; or other similar unavoidable
15 circumstances.

16 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
17 first day of the third month following its passage and
18 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.