

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB537

Patron: Hamilton

Bill Title: Board of Health; regulations governing waterworks; prohibition on fluoridation of water.

Bill Summary: Requires the Board of Health to include a prohibition on fluoridation of water in its regulations governing waterworks and requires testing for fluoridation to be included in chemical monitoring requirements for waterworks.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: None.

Fiscal Summary: Minimal fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: Any increase in workload to amend regulations is expected to be minimal and can be handled within existing resources. The provisions of the bill require testing for fluoridation to be included in chemical monitoring requirements, it is assumed that the testing requirement would continue to be the responsibility of the waterwork, therefore there is no additional cost to the Commonwealth. Additionally, VDH reports that testing for concentration levels is already being performed by waterworks that add fluoride.

Other: None.