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SUMMARY

- Prohibits a public water system from adding fluoride to the water supplied by the system, rather than requiring that system to add fluoride if the fluoride level is below a certain threshold as under current law.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Fluoridation of public water

The bill prohibits a public water system from adding fluoride to the water supplied by the system. As a result, it repeals current law that requires a public water system to fluoridate its water if the natural fluoride content of the supplied water is less than 0.8 mgs per liter of water. Current law also requires a system to add fluoride to the water to maintain fluoride content between 0.8 and 1.3 mgs per liter of water.¹

Continuing law defines a “public water system” as a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances if the system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals. “Public water system” includes:

1. Any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the operator of the system and used primarily in connection with the system;
2. Any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control that are used primarily in connection with the system; and

¹ R.C. 6109.20, repealed and re-enacted.

3. Any water supply system serving an agricultural labor camp as defined in current law.²

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	03-18-25

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² R.C. 6109.01(A), not in the bill.