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RFD: Health and Human Services

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

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) A public water system, as defined in Section 22-23-31, Code of Alabama 1975, that proposes to initiate any permanent change in the fluoridation status of its water supply, including, but not limited to, discontinuing the fluoridation of the water supply or reducing the level of fluoride from an optimal level as defined by the Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), shall provide written notice to the State Health Officer no fewer than 90 days before initiating the change. Notice shall include the proposed date of the change, reasons for the change, and all communities affected by the change.

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

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

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