

Fluoride Removal Initiative 2014

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Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, add section 17 to article XVIII as follows:

Section 17. Fluoride – Removal. (1) THERE SHALL NOT BE THE ARTIFICIAL INTRODUCTION OF FLUORIDE OR FLUORIDE BYPRODUCTS INTO ANY COLORADO PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM. THERE SHALL BE BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES, SET BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(a) **Enforcement – Civil Penalties.** THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THE CIVIL PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SECTION

(b) **Exclusions.** THIS SECTION IS NOT INTENDED TO APPLY TO PERSONS IN COLORADO USING TOOTHPASTE OR OTHER DENTAL PRODUCTS, NOR TO PENALIZE NATURALLY OCCURING FLUORIDE, OR ANY FLUORIDE TREATED WATER IN THE COLORADO PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THIS SECTION.

(2) **Self-executing - severability - conflicting provisions.** ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE SELF-EXECUTING EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED HEREIN, ARE SEVERABLE, AND, EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE INDICATED IN THE TEXT, SHALL SUPERSEDE CONFLICTING STATE STATUTORY, LOCAL CHARTER, ORDINANCE, OR RESOLUTION, AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL PROVISIONS.

(3) **Effective Date.** UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION, ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE VOTE HEREON BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1(4) OF ARTICLE V.