

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Concerns have been raised regarding the termination of the fluoridation of public water without the knowledge of consumers or community decision-makers. It has been suggested that permanently terminating fluoridation levels of a public water supply system is a matter of public health that warrants disclosure and transparency. H.B. 3552 seeks to address this issue by providing certain notice requirements regarding such a termination in fluoridation.

H.B. 3552 amends current law relating to certain notice requirements regarding fluoridation of a water supply system.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 341.033, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (j), as follows:

(j) Prohibits an owner, agent, manager, operator, or other person in charge of a public water supply system that furnishes for public or private use drinking water containing added fluoride from permanently terminating the fluoridation of the water unless the owner, agent, manager, operator, or person provides written notice to the customers of the system and the Health and Human Services Commission of the termination at least 60 days before the termination.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.