

Revised based on amendments adopted through 4-2-08

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	55,405		94,686	
CASH FUNDS	10,000	10,000	20,000	20,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	65,405	10,000	114,686	20,000

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill requires any city or village with a population of 1,000 or more inhabitants to add fluoride to the public water supply. Voters of a city or village may adopt an ordinance prohibiting fluoridation before June 1, 2010. Cities and villages which have naturally occurring fluoridation are not required to add fluoride to the water supply.

It is unknown how many public water systems that currently do not provide fluoridation or have naturally occurring fluoride in the water system would pass ordinances prohibiting it. If all systems currently not providing fluoridation would provide fluoridation, it is estimated that 60 additional water systems would need to be inspected and regulated. Prior to fluoridation, the department anticipates providing technical assistance to public water systems adding fluoridation. One and half environmental engineers are anticipated to be needed at a cost of \$65,405 in FY 09 and \$114,686 in FY 10. This bill potentially would generate \$20,000 in additional fees each year; \$10,000 in the first year. Fees currently do not cover the cost of regulation and general funds cover the balance of the costs not covered by fees. General funds would be needed. As fees are generated, in the future, general funds can be offset.

Cities and villages that would need to fluoridate their water systems would likely pass on the increased costs to consumers. The impact on an individual water system would vary.