1 SAFE DRINKING WATER DISCLOSURE ACT 2 **2013 GENERAL SESSION** 3 STATE OF UTAH **Chief Sponsor: Roger E. Barrus** 4 Senate Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson 5 6 7 LONG TITLE 8 **General Description:** 9 This bill requires that a public water system that fluoridates public water supplies meet 10 certain requirements, requires a local health department to order temporary removal of 11 fluoride from public water supplies under certain circumstances, and allows a local 12 health department to order temporary removal of fluoride from public water supplies 13 under certain circumstances. 14 **Highlighted Provisions:** 15 This bill: 16 defines terms; 17 requires that a public water system that fluoridates public water supplies under order 18 of a local health department meet certain requirements; 19 requires that a public water system: review and maintain certain records relating to the fluoride the public water 20 • 21 system uses to fluoridate public water supplies under order of a local health 22 department; and 23 provide copies of the records upon request of a member of the public; 24 requires a local health department to: 25 • review and maintain certain records relating to fluoride used to fluoridate public 26 water supplies; and 27 order a public water system to temporarily remove fluoride from public water

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| 28 | supplies under certain circumstances and give public notice of the removal; |
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| 29 | allows a local health department to order a public water system to temporarily |
| 30 | remove fluoride from public water supplies under certain circumstances and give |
| 31 | public notice of the removal; |
| 32 | requires the Division of Drinking Water to review and maintain certain records; and |
| 33 | makes technical changes. |
| 34 | Money Appropriated in this Bill: |
| 35 | None |
| 36 | Other Special Clauses: |
| 37 | None |
| 38 | Utah Code Sections Affected: |
| 39 | AMENDS: |
| 40 | 19-4-111, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 371 |
| 41 | 19-4-111.1, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 16 |
| 42 | 19-4-111.2, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 371 |
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| 44 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah: |
| 45 | Section 1. Section 19-4-111 is amended to read: |
| 46 | 19-4-111. Fluoride added to or removed from water Election or shareholder |
| 47 | vote required. |
| 48 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 49 | (a) "Corporate public water system" means a public water system that is owned by a |
| 50 | corporation engaged in distributing water only to its shareholders. |
| 51 | (b) "Corporation" is as defined in Section 16-4-102. |
| 52 | [(c) "Fluorine" includes a derivative or compound of fluorine.] |
| 53 | (c) "Fluoride" means a chemical compound that contains the fluoride ion and is used to |
| 54 | fluoridate drinking water, including: |
| 55 | (i) fluorosilicic acid; |
| 56 | (ii) sodium fluorosilicate; or |
| 57 | (iii) sodium fluoride. |
| 58 | (d) "Fluoride supplier" means a person who: |

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| 59 | (i) manufactures, distributes, or packages or repackages fluoride; |
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| 60 | (ii) is NSF/ANSI Standard 60 certified; |
| 61 | (iii) has evidence of the person's NSF/ANSI Standard 60 certification displayed on the |
| 62 | website of a certification body accredited by the International Accreditation Forum, including: |
| 63 | <u>(A) NSF;</u> |
| 64 | (B) the Underwriter Laboratory; or |
| 65 | (C) the Water Quality Association; and |
| 66 | (iv) provides fluoride in compliance with applicable NSF/ANSI Standard 60 |
| 67 | certification requirements. |
| 68 | [(d)] (e) "Removal" means ceasing to add [fluorine] fluoride to a public water supply, |
| 69 | the addition having been previously approved by the voters of a political subdivision. |
| 70 | (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (7) or Subsection 19-4-104(1)(a)(i), public |
| 71 | water supplies, whether state, county, municipal, or district, may not have [fluorine] fluoride |
| 72 | added to or removed from the water supply without the approval of a majority of voters in an |
| 73 | election in the area affected. |
| 74 | (b) An election shall be held: |
| 75 | (i) upon the filing of an initiative petition requesting the action in accordance with state |
| 76 | law governing initiative petitions; |
| 77 | (ii) in the case of a municipal, local district, special service district, or county water |
| 78 | system that is functionally separate from any other water system, upon the passage of a |
| 79 | resolution by the legislative body or local district or special service district board representing |
| 80 | the affected voters, submitting the question to the affected voters at a municipal general |
| 81 | election; or |
| 82 | (iii) in a county of the first or second class, upon the passage of a resolution by the |
| 83 | county legislative body to place an opinion question relating to all public water systems within |
| 84 | the county, except as provided in Subsection (3), on the ballot at a general election. |
| 85 | (3) If a majority of voters on an opinion question under Subsection (2)(b)(iii) approve |
| 86 | the addition of [fluorine] fluoride to or the removal of [fluorine] fluoride from the public water |
| 87 | supplies within the county, the local health departments shall require the addition of [fluorine] |
| 88 | fluoride to or the removal of [fluorine] fluoride from all public water supplies within that |
| 89 | county other than those systems: |
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90 (a) that are functionally separate from any other public water systems in that county;91 and

92 (b) where a majority of the voters served by the public water system voted against the
93 addition or removal of [fluorine] fluoride on the opinion question under Subsection (2)(b)(iii).

94 (4) Nothing contained in this section prohibits the addition of chlorine or other water95 purifying agents.

96 (5) Any political subdivision that, prior to November 2, 1976, decided to and was
97 adding [fluorine] fluoride to the drinking water is considered to have complied with Subsection
98 (2).

(6) In an election held pursuant to Subsection (2)(b)(i), (ii), or (iii), where a majority of
the voters approve the addition [to or removal of fluorine] of fluoride to or the removal of
fluoride from the public water supplies, no election to consider adding fluoride to or removing
[fluorine] fluoride from [or adding fluorine to] the public water supplies shall be held for a
period of four years from the date of approval by the majority of voters beginning with
elections held in November 2000.

- (7) (a) A supplier may not add [fluorine] fluoride to or remove [fluorine] fluoride from
 a corporate public water system unless the majority of the votes cast by the shareholders of the
 corporate public water system authorize the supplier to add or remove the [fluorine] fluoride.
- (b) If a corporate public water system's shareholders do not vote to add [fluorine]
 <u>fluoride</u> under Subsection (7)(a), the supplier shall annually provide notice to a person who
 receives water from the corporate public water system of the average amount of [fluorine]
 fluoride in the water.

(c) A vote of the corporate public water system's shareholders under Subsection (7)(a)
does not require a supplier of another public water system, including a public water system that
provides water to the corporate public water system, to add [fluorine] fluoride to or remove
[fluorine] fluoride from the public water system.

(8) If a local health department requires a public water system to add fluoride to public
 drinking water supplies under Subsection (3), the public water system shall fluoridate the
 public drinking water supplies with fluoride manufactured, distributed, packaged, and, if
 applicable, repackaged by a fluoride supplier who has provided copies of the original, dated

120 documents used to obtain and maintain NSF/ANSI Standard 60 certification to:

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| 121 | (a) the local health department that oversees the public water system; and |
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| 122 | (b) the division. |
| 123 | (9) A public water system described in Subsection (8) shall obtain, for each quantity of |
| 124 | fluoride acquired to fluoridate public drinking water supplies, a batch-specific certificate of |
| 125 | analysis that represents the complete composition of the formulation of the undiluted raw |
| 126 | fluoride substance, in percent or parts by weight, for each chemical and contaminant in the |
| 127 | batch. |
| 128 | (10) A local health department shall: |
| 129 | (a) order the temporary removal of fluoride from a public water system within the |
| 130 | boundaries of the local health department if the public water system: |
| 131 | (i) violates Subsection (8) or (9); or |
| 132 | (ii) is unable to fluoridate public drinking water supplies in accordance with |
| 133 | Subsections (8) and (9); and |
| 134 | (b) review and maintain the certification documents submitted to the local health |
| 135 | department under Subsection (8). |
| 136 | (11) A public water system described in Subsection (8) shall: |
| 137 | (a) review and maintain certificates of analysis obtained under Subsection (9); and |
| 138 | (b) upon request of a member of the public, provide a copy of a certificate of analysis |
| 139 | obtained under Subsection (9) to the member of the public. |
| 140 | (12) A local health department may order the temporary removal of fluoride from a |
| 141 | public water system within the boundaries of the local health department if the public water |
| 142 | system violates a provision of Subsection (11). |
| 143 | (13) If a local health department orders the removal of fluoride from a public water |
| 144 | system under Subsection (10)(a) or (12), the local health department shall: |
| 145 | (a) issue a public notice regarding the temporary removal of fluoride from the public |
| 146 | water system; and |
| 147 | (b) when the public water system demonstrates its ability to fluoridate in accordance |
| 148 | with Subsections (8), (9), and (11), revoke the removal requirement. |
| 149 | (14) The division shall review and maintain the certification documents submitted to |
| 150 | the division under Subsection (8). |
| 151 | Section 2. Section 19-4-111.1 is amended to read: |

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| 152 | 19-4-111.1. Provision of fluoridated water Request of resident. |
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| 153 | A public water system in a county of the first or second class whose entire water |
| 154 | inventory is fluoridated may supply water to a residence or business in a municipality that is |
| 155 | located in two counties, one that has approved fluoridation and one that has not approved |
| 156 | fluoridation in accordance with [Subsection] Section 19-4-111[(1)] if: |
| 157 | (1) the owner requests that the public water system supply water to the residence or |
| 158 | business; |
| 159 | (2) no reasonable alternative water supply exists; and |
| 160 | (3) the owner's request can be fulfilled without affecting other residences or businesses |
| 161 | in the municipality or county that has not approved fluoridation. |
| 162 | Section 3. Section 19-4-111.2 is amended to read: |
| 163 | 19-4-111.2. Provision of fluoridated water Emergency circumstances. |
| 164 | (1) A public water system that is simultaneously supplying water to a municipality or |
| 165 | county that approved fluoridation in accordance with Section 19-4-111 and a municipality or |
| 166 | county that has not approved fluoridation may provide water from its fluoridated inventory to a |
| 167 | municipality or county that has not approved fluoridation if: |
| 168 | (a) as a result of a short-term emergency, the only water available is from the public |
| 169 | water system's fluoridated inventory; |
| 170 | (b) the public water system ceases providing fluoridated water to the municipality or |
| 171 | county that has not approved fluoridation in accordance with [Subsection] Section |
| 172 | 19-4-111[(2)] in a time consistent with repair times following best industrial practice; and |
| 173 | (c) where feasible, provide prompt notice to the affected area. |
| 174 | (2) (a) A resident of an affected area that does not wish to receive fluoridated water |
| 175 | during an emergency may contact the public water system to have delivery of fluoridated water |
| 176 | to their residence or business terminated. |
| 177 | (b) The resident shall determine when to resume delivery of water and shall contact the |
| 178 | public water system to have delivery of water resumed. |

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