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H.B. No. 1581

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duty of a water supply system to provide certain information to consumers regarding fluoride in drinking water.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 341, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 341.0335 to read as follows:

Sec. 341.0335. FLUORIDATED WATER; DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION. (a) Except as provided in Subsection (b), a water supply system that furnishes drinking water to which fluoride has been added shall disclose in a conspicuous place on the system's website:

(1) the amount of fluoride that occurs naturally in the drinking water furnished by the system to a customer;

(2) the amount of fluoride added to the drinking water before distribution to a customer;

(3) the combined amount of fluoride in the drinking water from the sources described by Subdivisions (1) and (2);

(4) as applicable, the identity of:

(A) the person who supplies the fluoride additive; and

(B) the person with whom the system contracts to add fluoride to the drinking water; and

(5) the annual cost of adding fluoride to the drinking water distributed by the system, including the cost of the fluoride

1 additive, the labor for adding the fluoride, and any contracts
2 related to the fluoride additive.

3 (b) A water supply system that does not maintain a website
4 shall disclose annually the information required under Subsection
5 (a) with a bill sent to its customers.

6 SECTION 2. A water supply system shall disclose the
7 information required by Section 341.0335, Health and Safety Code,
8 as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2016.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.