

Senate Joint Resolution 17

In The Senate

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| February 9, 1981 | Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety. |
| February 20, 1981 | Committee recommend bill do pass. |
| February 21, 1981 | Bill printed and placed on members' desks. |
| February 23, 1981 | Second reading do pass. |
| February 24, 1981 | Correctly engrossed. |
| February 25, 1981 | Third reading passed. |

In The House

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| March 3, 1981 | Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources. |
| April 23, 1981 | Died in Committee. |

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INTRODUCED BY *J. Jacobson Steve Brown Stuntz*
Nealy Haffey *Thurmon Daily* *Carlton* *Carlson*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REPEALING THE STANDARD ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES FOR FLUORIDE ON FORAGE AND DIRECTING THE ADOPTION OF A NEW STANDARD.

WHEREAS, section 75-2-202 authorizes the Board of Health and Environmental Sciences to establish ambient air quality standards for the state; and

WHEREAS, following a thorough study of the need to control fluoride levels in the ambient air and the control technology available, the staff of the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences recommended to the Board of Health and Environmental Sciences that the Board set the annual average standard for fluoride on forage at 35 micrograms per gram of forage and the monthly standard at 50 micrograms per gram of forage; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the recommendation made by its staff, on July 18, 1980, the Board of Health and Environmental Sciences adopted a monthly average of 20 micrograms of fluoride per gram of forage, which standard is significantly more stringent and restrictive than the

standard recommended by the staff; and

WHEREAS, there was competent evidence presented to the Board showing that the Board's standard should be set at a higher monthly average per gram of forage; and

WHEREAS, some industries that have made every attempt to comply with past fluoride standards set by the Board are now unable to develop any further control devices that would enable the industries to meet the more restrictive standards adopted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the closure of these industries that could result from the enforcement of the Board's standards would be highly damaging to the economy of this state and would prevent the manufacture of industrial products that are valuable to the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the rule adopted by the Board of Health and Environmental Sciences setting the monthly standard for fluoride on forage at 20 micrograms per gram of forage, designated as Rule 16.8.813 of the Administrative Rules of Montana, is repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Health and Environmental Sciences shall proceed within 30 days to adopt a standard for fluoride on forage setting the annual average

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- 1 at a standard of 35 micrograms per gram of forage and
- 2 setting the monthly average at a standard of 50 micrograms
- 3 per gram of forage.

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Approved by the committee on
Public Health, Welfare & Safety

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