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**AN BILLE FLUAIRÍDE (ACHTACHÁIN A AISGHAIRM)  
2006  
FLUORIDE (REPEAL OF ENACTMENTS) BILL 2006**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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*Purpose of Bill*

The purpose of this Bill is to repeal the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act 1960.

There is now a scientific consensus that fluoride works topically and does not need to be ingested to protect teeth. All the evidence shows that too much fluoride in the body gives rise to fluorosis, which is on the increase, and to other health effects. When water fluoridation has been stopped in other countries, there has been no increase of dental caries as a result. This Bill means that no fluoride will be added by local authorities to Irish drinking water supplies.

*An Teachta John Gormley,  
Meitheamh, 2005*