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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PERFLUOROALKYL AND
POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance" means a class of
3 fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated
4 carbon atom; and
- 5 (2) "Class B firefighting foam" means a foam used for the purpose of
6 extinguishing flammable liquid fires.
- 7 (b) On and after January 1, 2021, no person, local government or state
8 agency may use a class B firefighting foam that contains an intentionally
9 added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance in any amount for
10 any purpose.
- 11 (c) The Department of Public Health shall assist any person, local
12 government or state agency in transitioning to the use of class B
13 firefighting foam that does not contain an intentionally added

14 perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance.

15 (d) The provisions of this section may be enforced, within available
16 appropriations, by the Commissioner of Public Health.

17 Sec. 2. Subsection (i) of section 25-32 of the 2020 supplement to the
18 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
19 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20 (i) (1) The department may perform the collection and testing of
21 water samples required by regulations adopted by the commissioner
22 pursuant to this section, in accordance with chapter 54, when requested
23 to do so by a water company. The department shall collect a fee equal to
24 the cost of such collection and testing. Water companies serving one
25 thousand or more persons shall not request routine bacteriological or
26 physical tests under this subsection.

27 (2) Not later than January 1, 2021, the department shall develop and
28 implement a plan for (A) testing water supply sources, water supplies
29 and bottled water, as defined in section 21a-150, for contamination by
30 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and (B) educating the
31 public regarding the potential risks of drinking water that has been
32 contaminated by such substances. The plan shall include methods of (i)
33 identifying every potential source of water contamination by such
34 substances, and (ii) identifying and prioritizing the testing of water
35 supply sources and water supplies that are most vulnerable to
36 contamination by such substances and of water supplies serving a
37 population whose health could be at greater risk from exposure to such
38 substances. For purposes of this subdivision, "perfluoroalkyl and
39 polyfluoroalkyl substances" means a class of fluorinated organic
40 chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	25-32(i)

Statement of Purpose:

To limit the public's exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]