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LCO No. 2645



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL OR
POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN CLASS B FIREFIGHTING
FOAM.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (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;
- 5 (2) "Class B firefighting foam" means a foam used for the purpose of
6 extinguishing flammable liquid fires; and
- 7 (3) "Testing" includes calibration testing, conformance testing and
8 fixed system testing as required by state or municipal law or policy.
- 9 (b) On and after July 1, 2022, no person, local government or state
10 agency may use a class B firefighting foam that contains an intentionally
11 added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance in any amount for
12 training purposes.

13 (c) On or after July 1, 2023, no person shall use a class B firefighting
14 foam that contains an intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or
15 polyfluoroalkyl substance for any firefighting purpose unless such fire
16 is a petroleum-based fire and the Commissioner of Energy and
17 Environmental Protection fails to identify an alternative to such use by
18 April 1, 2022.

19 (d) Not later than October 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Energy and
20 Environmental Protection shall develop a take-back program for
21 municipal sources of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances that
22 results in the application of best management practices for the disposal
23 of such substances.

24 (e) The provisions of this section may be enforced, within available
25 appropriations, by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
26 Protection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS for training purposes and establish a take-back program for such products.

[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.]