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House of Representatives, January 21, 2025

**An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for
Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl
and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added**

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 16, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and
Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CAMPBELL of Orrington, DOUDERA of Camden,
GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, SOBOLESKI of Phillips,
STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §424-C, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

3 **5-A. Take-back and disposal program.** In consultation with the Department of
4 Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, the department shall design and, by July 1,
5 2027, implement a take-back and disposal program for firefighting and fire-suppressing
6 foam to which PFAS have been intentionally added that is located in the State and that is
7 in the possession of a person located in the State. The program must provide for the
8 collection of such firefighting or fire-suppressing foam from a person that voluntarily
9 requests collection and for the safe and contained disposal of the collected foam. The
10 department may contract with a 3rd-party entity to implement and administer the program
11 and may adopt rules as necessary for the implementation and administration of the program,
12 which are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the
15 Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, to design and, by July 1,
16 2027, implement a take-back and disposal program for firefighting and fire-suppressing
17 foam to which perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances have been intentionally added
18 that is located in the State and that is in the possession of a person located in the State. The
19 program must provide for the collection of such firefighting or fire-suppressing foam from
20 a person that voluntarily requests collection and for the safe and contained disposal of the
21 collected foam. The department may contract with a 3rd-party entity to implement and
22 administer the program and may adopt rules as necessary for the implementation and
23 administration of the program.